

Poundbury missing out on superfast broadband

WHILE parts of Dorset are bounding ahead on the super-fast broadband highway – a small area of Prince Charles' Poundbury estate is languishing on the slip road of modern modem speeds.

Around a hundred homes in a section of the South West Quadrant have found that the multi-million

by Trevor Bevins

pound Superfast Dorset initiative simply isn't for them.

And no matter who they speak to in an attempt to

improve their broadband speeds nothing has happened for the past two years.

Local councillors have been involved, residents associations asked to help, the MP written to, but one resident says all they get is "passing the buck".

Superfast Dorset recently boasted that it had brought high-speed fibre broadband to more than 180 business parks across the county.

"The multi million pound Superfast Dorset partnership between Dorset councils, the Government and BT is continuing to make strong progress having already made superfast broadband available to 94 per cent of homes and businesses in the county," said their news release.

But when *View from Dorchester* asked about the homes with only basic broadband in the affected area of Poundbury it said the improvements should have been commissioned by the developers.

Our investigation suggests that one vital telecoms' cabinet for the area, has been overlooked and that others are full to capacity.

In the words of OpenReach: "The Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) technology – capable of speeds up to 80Mbps – can boost the competitiveness of local businesses... while opening up a host of new learning, entertainment and development opportunities for households."

But not so for the Poundbury homes affected. Said a Superfast Dorset statement: "We would ex-

pect the large development of Poundbury to have superfast broadband planned between the developer and the infrastructure supplier (eg Openreach) from the outset. This appears to be the case with the vast majority of premises in Poundbury.

"Properties at Poundbury without the ability to have a superfast connection are a matter between the developer and Openreach because there should be a clear commercial case to build without the need for public subsidy.

"We organised a meeting between the Duchy and BT to try to resolve the problem. Openreach has

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■ **DORCHESTER** teenager Imogen Brown (pictured right) has so far raised more than £1,800 for Weldmar Hospice in memory of her grandfather by holding a number of fundraising events.



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ORIGINALLY from Ramsgate in East Kent, Holly Thea spent most of her childhood in Canterbury before moving to the South West to run a bed and breakfast in Galstonbury.

She spent many years in secretarial/office positions, including for Arabella Churchill in her Childrens' World Charity, based in Glastonbury, and has also had several more unusual jobs including looking after giant tortoises, being a house steward at Athelhampton House and driving a mini camper van loaded with Cornish pasties around Milton Keynes.

She now lives in Uplyme and has recently launched cleaning company Sweeping Beauty with friend Pauline.

● HOW did you come to set up Sweeping Beauty?

I had been working at Seaton Tramway, which I loved, but the seasonal nature of the job did not suit my bank balance! My friend Pauline and I had both been cleaning independently in the area for a few years. Pauline had also previously run a large domestic cleaning business in the Home Counties. With over 10 years of experience between us, we knew what worked and what didn't, so decided to combine forces and Sweeping Beauty was born!

Although we only really started a year ago, we have gone from strength to strength, largely through word of mouth recommendation and have now been joined by a couple of lovely local ladies. It has been a really successful first year and we have regular domestic clients as well as some holiday properties. We are hoping to expand even further this year.

● WHAT kind of cleaning services do you offer?

We offer cleaning services in and around Lyme Regis and currently cover from Morecombelake to Beer. We specialise in domestic cleaning, although we do also cover a small portfolio of holiday properties. Cleans can be regular weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even on an ad hoc basis. We also provide end of let of moving in/out cleans.

We pride ourselves on not only doing a good



job but being able to tailor our service to each customer needs and try to match them with the cleaner we feel will be most compatible on a professional and personal basis. We understand that it can take a big leap of faith to have a stranger

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working in your home, so try to make the process as painless and straightforward as possible. Often clients are so pleased they become regular clients in their new abode.

● WHAT do you enjoy about the job?

The best parts of the job are getting to meet interesting people from all walks of life and cleaning in places with stunning views. Also, as we cover a ten-mile radius of Lyme Regis, we are lucky enough to have some of the most spectacular drives to work in the area. No two days are alike and it's very satisfying leaving a property gleaming and the client happy.

● ARE you involved in any local groups or clubs?

If I'm not cleaning then I'll be drumming. I lead the fairly newly-formed Sunshine Samba Band in Seaton. We are a community band, open to all who want to come along for the great experience of samba drumming and the social side of meeting new people.

We have a few gigs lined up for the coming year and will be appearing at the Seaton Grizzly in March. I am amazed at how quickly the band has come together to be able to perform and happy that Seaton has a new community group - we are on Facebook if anyone is interested in having a go!

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

More drumming! I also go along to Seaton's Drum 4 Fun group, helping every other Thursday. This is African Djembe drumming and, again, a fabulous group of people coming together to have fun drumming. I find it a great way to relax and love the challenge of learning new rhythms - it's very addictive!

● WHAT do you like about living in the local area?

For me it's the stunningly beautiful countryside. We are so lucky here to have the amazing coastline and beaches then the choice of beautiful woodlands and walks further inland.

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Plans for community hall at Poundbury approved

PLANS for a new 300-space community hall at Poundbury have been approved by West Dorset planning committee.

The building will be in Crown Square, to the northern end of Liscombe Street.

The detailed design of the hall has not been fixed and councillors were told that the building is not likely to be suitable for use as a sports hall as its ceiling height will be restricted.

The Duchy will be working with Dorchester Town Council and West Dorset District Council on the most effective way to consult with Poundbury residents in order to determine whether the design brief

should change in response to other community facilities in recent years, including the latest proposals for an arts and theatre centre at the Maltings.

Sign up to Race for Life

DORCHESTER women are being encouraged to sign up to Cancer Research UK's Race for Life.

The charity is urging women of all ages, shapes and sizes to enter Race for Life 5k event at Kingston Maurward College, Church Lane, Dorchester on Sunday 21st May.

By signing up to Race for Life right now, women in Dorchester



will be playing their part in beating cancer and money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists find new ways to treat cancer and save more lives.

Brenda Scott, Cancer Research UK's Dorchester Event Manager, said: "Signing up to take

part in Race for Life is a great way for women to set themselves a new and exciting challenge for 2017.

"Race for Life events are non-competitive and participants can choose to walk, jog or run around the course. Whether they plan to

amble with friends or sprint to the finish line, every step they take will help to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

"Every day, 90 people are diagnosed with cancer in the South West. That's why we're calling on women in Dorchester to make 2017 a year to remember. Together, we can stop this devastating disease in its tracks."

To enter Race for Life today visit raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.

(Pictured are participants at last year's event)

Housing campaigners condemn planners for approving prison redevelopment plans

WEST Dorset planners have approved revised plans for the Dorchester Prison site.

Developers City and Country had resubmitted plans for housing on the site, reducing the number of homes proposed from 189 to 185, after they were previously rejected.

Housing campaigners have condemned West Dorset District Planning Committee for approving the latest prison application due to the lack of "affordable" housing included with the plans.

Barry Thompson of Dorchester Labour Group, and affordable housing campaigner,

said: "Dorchester residents paid for that prison over centuries, it was a public asset, and when the government sold it as part of a job lot of four prisons for £5million, West Dorset District Councillors should have made it clear to developers that they would have to stick to the council's own target of 35 per cent of all new developments being affordable.

"Instead Conservatives and Liberal Democrat councillors have just accepted the developers' inflated costs and claims they won't make much of a profit."

He added: "Other councils up and down the country have got wise to developers, why can't we?"

"This firm boasts of record profits over the last few years and by the time they have built and sold all these flats they will have made another record profit.

"But the council will not make them publish their figures and will not even find a way to claw back some money for Dorchester if at the end they have made more of a profit than they claim."

Chairman of West Dorset District Council's Planning Committee Councillor Fred Horsington, said: "The whole committee is re-

gretful that there is no provision for affordable housing within the development.

"However, we are satisfied that the financial viability assessment has been meticulously conducted.

"Once completed, the scheme will deliver much needed Open Market housing to the

town centre and secure a long-term future for this heritage asset within the town's conservation area.

"City & Country Residential Ltd have now withdrawn their appeal to the original application and the public inquiry that is due to be heard next week will no longer take place."

The original plans for the development were refused by planners last year on the grounds of the height, position and bulk of new buildings on some parts of the site, and that some elements would have "a negative impact" on the setting and character of the Victorian part of the building.



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agreed to provide an initial assessment of the work needed to resolve the issue and associated costs. Also, the meeting confirmed that other cabinets are at capacity so very few people can take up a superfast service in Poundbury at the moment."

Local resident Tim Topper, who has been battling to improve speeds in the area, says action should have been taken earlier but says it was hardly the developer's fault that nothing happened: "The SW Quadrant development was 95 per cent complete by the time the first fibre service arrived on Poundbury. Cabinet 45 was enabled for fibre in 2013, I believe, it may have even been early 2014. By that time, the majority of SW Quadrant was occupied so quite how developers could be expected to plan for a service that didn't exist until after they had completed the overwhelming majority of builds is something the Superfast Dorset might consider explaining."

Mr Topper says that BT have said at meetings, and e-mails, that upgrading cabinet 103 which serves the South West Quadrant area was not commercially viable, yet 29 properties close by were helped, despite apparently being in the same situation.

Local councillor Richard Biggs has been trying to resolve the situation for the residents, so far without success: "I have been quite shocked to hear that the South West Quadrant does not have fibre broadband as yet or unlikely to anytime soon.

"Can this be true? One minute being in the national news one week with the major royal visit but parts of this new and acclaimed major urban development not having access to superfast broadband?"

Residents have provided Mr Biggs with evidence that fibre was installed to the north of Bridport Road in 2013-14 but the South West Quadrant homes, just a street away, were not included at the time.

"It seems that this SW quadrant of Poundbury is being conveniently forgotten by Openreach and every other authority. Why (is this) when fibre is so widely available elsewhere on Poundbury?" said one resident from Inglescombe Street in a letter pleading for help in the autumn.

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HERBERT JOHN
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John passed away peacefully in hospital on the 14th February 2017 aged 85 years. A much loved husband to wife Jenny, father to Rachel and Grandad to Emmeline. The Funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Tuesday 28th February at 1.00pm. Black attire is optional. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Parkinson Disease UK and The British Heart Foundation c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HR.

**Town Bridge
to shine red for
Encephalitis**

WEYMOUTH Town Bridge will turn red tonight (Wednesday, February 22nd) to 'shine a light' on a devastating brain condition.

Both Dorset County Council – which owns the bridge – and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, are lending their support to World Encephalitis Day to raise awareness of the condition, an inflammation of the brain.

The campaign, led by The Encephalitis Society, will also see world-famous landmarks go red, including Niagara Falls; the fountains at Trafalgar Square, London; the Swan Bell Tower in Perth, Australia; The Millennium Bridge, Newcastle; Blackpool Tower; The Peace Bridge, which links the USA with Canada, among other iconic landmarks.

Local support for the campaign follows an appeal by Weymouth residents Louise and Liam Briers who have warned about the dangers of encephalitis after their daughter Olivia was struck down by the condition.

Councillor Jeff Cant, Leader of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "We are pleased to support this important initiative. Weymouth Town Bridge is an important local landmark and will join with other monuments across the world to raise awareness about this devastating condition."

In the UK alone, encephalitis affects 6,000 people annually – more than certain types of meningitis and motor neurone disease and yet remains less well known.

**Council agree to tax
rise to bridge gap in
social care funding**

DORSET County Council has agreed to increase council tax by 4.99 per cent to help bridge the gap in funding for adult social care.

At its full meeting last week, councillors agreed the county council's budget and share of council tax for 2017/18.

They agreed to raise council tax by 1.99 per cent – the maximum without triggering a local referendum – plus a further three per cent to be used to fund adult social care.

In December, the Government announced it was giving councils more flexibility with the adult social care precept, allowing a three per cent rise this year as long as the overall increase remains no more than six per cent over three years.

The three per cent social care precept will raise £6million this year for the council to invest in adult social care.

The 4.99 per cent increase in the county council's share of council tax means a Band D council taxpayer will pay £63 more a year, or £1.21 a week. With the shares for Dorset's district, borough, town and parish councils, fire and police services also included, the total increase is likely to be more.

Councillor Robert Gould, Leader of Dorset County Council, said: "With continuing annual reductions in our Government

grant funding and increasing demand on our services, councillors reluctantly agreed it is necessary for us to increase council tax.

"While the increased social care precept will help, it does not solve the problem of adult social care, the biggest area of our budget. We will continue to make savings by transforming the way we do things, including closer integration of health and social care. This robust budget lays the foundations for our ambitious future plans.

"Our focus remains on delivering the savings we need over the coming year to be able to make sure people in Dorset are safe, healthy and independent and have a prosperous economy."

To be able to set a balanced budget in 2017/18, the council has set a target of saving £18.3million, to be achieved through its Forward Together transformation programme. This includes:

- £7.1million from Adult and Community Services – including the introduction of fairer care charges, review of care packages and integration with health

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- £1.1million from Chief Executive's Department – including the transformation of central support services, such as IT, finance and HR

- £1.4million (£700,000 each) from the council's share of funding for the Dorset Waste Partnership and Public Health Dorset

Rise in number of children in care

AN extra £3million is needed for Dorset County Council to pay for a rise in the number of children coming into care.

The number being looked after by the council was just short of 500 at the end of November – compared to 340 in 2013.

Work is being undertaken to reduce the number to 400 by October 2017. A shortage of local foster carers, which cost an average of £450 per week, means the authority it having to use independent fostering placement at £950 per week.

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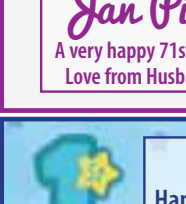
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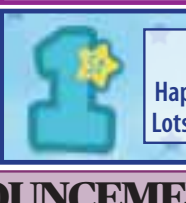


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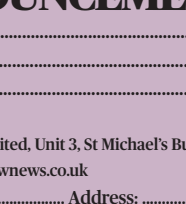
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County hall refurbishment blasted by Lib Dems

THE county council has denied Liberal Democrat claims that a roof garden is to be included in plans to refurbish County Hall in Dorchester.

It has also refuted the party's

claim that £2million is being spent on the project.

They say the figure is actually £1.5million and that by releasing other buildings and working more efficiently the annual sav-

ings will amount to half a million pounds a year.

"While services are being cut, this is spitting in the face of council tax payers in Dorset," said Bridport Councillor Ros Kayes.

The Liberal Democrat group leader on the council Janet Dover accused the Conservative Cabinet of being in "complete disarray".

She said: "Social worker numbers have been slashed leading to delays in care for our most vulnerable people; youth clubs and bus services have been slashed. How can they possibly justify slashing buses by a further £1million and spending £2million on refurbishment of the offices? [a figure refuted by DCC]"

"Who is to blame for this situation? Let's look at the facts. We have a Tory government, a Tory county council and only Tory MPs in Dorset."

Councillor Dover also claims that when the Lib Dems ran Dorset County Council the authority was debt free – but it is now spending £17.2million each year servicing borrowing of £215.1million.

"We urge the Conservatives to tell their Government that enough is enough. We urge the voters of Dorset to give them the same message in May," said Councillor Dover.

A county council spokesperson admitted that a replacement roof garden for one originally in place was included in the original refurbishment plans – but has since been dropped.

The work currently underway

By Trevor Bevens

at County Hall is part of the authority's "Way We Work" programme, which seeks to make savings by rationalising the number of buildings the council owns and making better use of the space it has.

Among the plans are to move out of Top o' Town House in Dorchester, currently used mainly for training and meetings, and a move for social care, safeguarding and youth staff from Monkton Park, to the South of Dorchester, into County Hall.

Overall the county council's property estate should be reduced from 26 buildings to eight – which it is estimated will save £1million per year in running costs.

A major part of the project is the redesign of workspaces within County Hall – creating enough room to accommodate at least 475 staff who will be brought into the building when their current bases are closed. Much of that work has been completed, or is already underway, with around £500,000 to be spent in the coming financial year.

Said Peter Scarlett, Dorset

County Council's estate and assets service manager: "In 2010 Dorset County Council adopted a strategy to rationalise our property estate. At the time we owned more than 750 properties across the county and this decision was taken because there was insufficient budget to maintain this size of estate."

"We adopted a strategy to proactively dispose of surplus properties. More recently, we have set a target to reduce the running cost of our estate over the next five years by £3.2million per annum."

"We are occupying our accommodation more efficiently and thereby reducing the property costs. This will safeguard frontline services for the residents of Dorset."

"A programme is underway to rationalise our property estate from 26 buildings down to eight, located in key towns across the county. This programme will save Dorset County Council approximately £1million per annum in running costs of its office estate, while improving working conditions for staff in the retained buildings."

The county council say that while the refurbishment work is being carried out by external contractors it has saved costs by managing and designing the project using county council staff.



COUNCILLOR Kate Wheller (second left) joins others by a bus in Lanehouse

ELDERLY and disabled people are celebrating after getting a new trial bus service for Littlesea and Lanehouse in Weymouth.

Borough councillor Kate Wheller became worried at their plight and made some inquiries to see what could be done.

She told the *View From*: "I was concerned when First buses stopped the No 6 bus that older or less able people from the Littlesea and Lanehouse areas would find it difficult to get into town unless they had access to lifts or could afford taxis."

"I approached South West Coaches to see if there was any possibility of adding this route to the existing 206 from Wyke Regis to Weymouth."

"SWC have been terrific and have devised a round route serving residents of Wyke Regis, Wyke Road, Littlesea and Lanehouse and the Pye Hill area."

"This route is on trial and I must encourage people to use it or lose it."

"Social isolation is a real worry these days and maintaining our bus routes is vital in combating this modern day dilemma."

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New indoor market for Weymouth

A NEW indoor market will be opening in Weymouth. Located in the old Colwell Centre, the complex is undergoing renovation and repairs before its grand opening on Saturday, April 1st.

Released without charge

A MAN has been released from police bail without charge following a rape in Weymouth town centre. At around 2am on Tuesday, November 1st 2016, Dorset Police was called to a disturbance at an address in Great George Street.

Officers attended and it was reported that a woman had been raped by a man she had met that evening.

A 25-year-old local man arrested on suspicion of rape and sexual assault has been released from police bail without charge.

All the units on both floors will be open as well as smaller floor spaces for individual traders and trestle tables in the public areas.

The Weymouth Indoor Market is a new seven day indoor market open 9am – 5pm Monday to Saturday and 10am – 4pm on Sundays.

It will be open all year round with a large assortment of shops and traders including: Cashier and tourist information point; organic fruit and vegetables; Wessex Vapes; Beauty Clinic; Hippie Fashions and Aromatherapy & Incense; children's clothing; wool and craft supplies; vintage fashions and accessories; vintage jewellery; bistro and bar; handmade arts and crafts; car boot sale area; lounge bar; and table top sales.

There is still some availability for more traders and people for table top sales, visit www.weymouthindoormarket.co.uk for more information.

Blooming marvellous



WEYMOUTH'S Melcombe Regis Rotary Club planted thousands of crocuses in the town's Greenhill Gardens in 2011 as part of a Rotary International effort to wipe out polio worldwide.

The crocuses represented the little fingers of millions of children which are dipped in purple ink when they are inoculated against this terrible disease.

Six years on, the display of crocuses at Greenhill Gardens is better than ever.

MRRC spokesman Ian Brooke said: "It reflects the efforts made by Rotary in that time to completely eradicate Polio from the world."

Community orchard to honour Jan's memory

by Trevor Bevins

A COMMUNITY orchard at Littlemoor, which will be planted with its first trees this weekend, is being named Jan's Community Orchard after the late Jan Hinton.

Community development worker for Weymouth and Portland Julie Hursthouse said: "The orchard is being named after Jan Hinton – a local resident who sadly lost her battle with cancer before Christmas.

"Jan's spirit will live on and her family are thrilled that the orchard will be named after her.

"Friends Gill Pattinson and Clare Williams, are planning to plant three trees all in a row – to mark their friendship with Jan. Jan's family are also keen to plant a circle of trees in memory of her."

Jan died in December after a battle with ovarian cancer. She was a keen supporter of her community in Littlemoor and after being diagnosed with cancer three years ago, she became part of the GO Girls Support Group, which supports women with gynaecological cancers and their families.

The orchard comes from a

local partnership made up of Big4 Littlemoor, Bincombe Valley Primary School and Westfield Arts College working with Mrs Hursthouse.

The trees have been donated by WJ Roadmarkings as part of a carbon off-setting measure within a contract with Dorset Highways.

They will be planted at the eastern end of Littlemoor in an area known as the Wyke Oliver Pond, part of the Lorton Valley Nature Park.

A planting day will be held

this Saturday, February 25th between 11am-3pm.

Local families are being asked to adopt one of the trees, which will be theirs to pick when it bears fruit. A permanent personalised marker will be provided for each tree with an adoption certificate.

Plans being drawn up for the orchard include workshops around cooking fruit, building bird boxes, possible seating and celebration events.

If you would like to get involved or adopt a tree contact Julie Hursthouse on 01305 838497 or email jhursthouse@dorset.gov.uk.

Pupils grow their own

WEYMOUTH'S Beechcroft St Paul's Primary School will plant and grow their own vegetables this year – with the help of a £400 Dorset Gardens Trust donation.

The project, led by teaching assistants Tonia Dowdell and Jess Haskins will use an allotment alongside the school.

A gardening club will be

formed to weed and look after their vegetable and flower beds.

The trust works with schools and also runs projects to protect the county's historic parks and gardens. Members also enjoy visits and lectures.

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Hang up on fraudsters

ROGUE doorstep callers cost Dorset households more than £1 million in 2016.

Now a series of hard-hitting roadshows are trying to alert residents and increase awareness of the problem.

Nearly 30 have already been held and the latest event took place at Barclays Bank in St Mary Street, Weymouth, where police and Trading Standards joined forces to get their message across to customers.

Police Community Support Officer Clive Joyner said: "What we are looking to do is raise awareness of rogue traders and actual doorstep crime."

"We are asking members of the public today that, if they are confident of handling themselves with doorstep callers, that they also consider their neighbours or relatives."

"I have dealt with people who have lost up to £200,000 to a phone scam and the principle is the same with doorstep callers."

"Don't take up high value business or contracts on the doorstep. Do it through reputable proven companies. Rogue doorstep callers cost households in Dorset more than £1 million in 2016."

"Our aim is to reduce this through working with Trading Standards to increase public awareness of the problem."

"I know of rogue doorstep callers who charged £1,200 to cut someone's



■ NEVILLE Brown (left) and PCSO Clive Joyner at the roadshow

hedge, so these roadshows are a valued community engagement to deal with this sort of criminal activity which we want to stamp out."

His working partner at the roadshow was Dorset Trading Standards enforcement officer Neville Brown who said: "If someone knocks on your door and asks if you want any work done then our advice is to say no and get any work you do need done arranged through local recommendation or Trading Standards' Buy With Confidence scheme."

"We also want people to think about neighbours and family members who might be vulnerable to such crime and get people to report it when it happens."

"As a general rule, if it looks too good to be true then it probably is!"

More details about reputable companies and workers can be found at buy-withconfidence.gov.uk or by calling 03454-040506.

Pensioner 'conned out of £90,000'

A PENSIONER who lived in Weymouth, was conned out of £94,000 by a gang pretending to be police officers and bank staff, a court has heard.

Michael Garrett was swindled out of the cash in just one week by fraudsters in numerous telephone calls warning him his card had been cloned, it was said.

The 70-year-old, who lived in Weymouth, transferred the money into several Barclays bank accounts between August 2nd and August 8th in 2014, the court heard.

The cash was then immediately withdrawn from branches across the country, jurors heard.

Scam

Louise Myers, 28, Loula Bavura, 22, Peter Morrison, 26, Mahad Esse, 32, all let their bank accounts be used in the scam to money launder a total of £40,000, the Old Bailey was told.

A fifth suspect, Alamin Ahmed, 21, also allegedly received £9,000 into his account which he had specially set up for the scam but failed to withdraw it in cash.

Kevin Dent, prosecuting, said: "Mr Garrett is 70-years-old, and so slightly more vulnerable, you might think, to this kind of pressure. This was a key part of how this fraud succeeded."

"Michael Garrett was conned into departing with over £90,000 of his money. A considerable amount of that money went into the bank accounts of these defendants. Each defendant played his part in assisting what we say was a highly organised looting of Mr Garrett's bank account."

The five suspects all knew or suspected they were money laundering, he argued.

The prosecutor continued: "The receiving of the money in this case was part of a system that was highly organised. Each de-

fendant received exactly £9,000 into their bank accounts, the exact same sum, although Morrison, in addition, received an extra £4,000."

Withdrawing it quickly in cash sums helped split it up as well as hide it, the court heard.

'Clever and ruthless'

Mr Dent said: "The fraudsters can get their cut, and so that people who received the money who allowed their bank accounts to be used can also get their cut."

"There is another feature of this case that may be of some significance. In each case, the bank account of the defendants was a Barclays Bank account. And so for some reason, those arranging this had a particular preference for Barclays Bank accounts. Indeed, one of the defendants, Ahmed, actually had to open a Barclays Bank account for the monies to be paid in."

"When you look at the lengths that the fraudsters went to part Mr Garrett from his money, you can see how clever, how sophisticated and well arranged the fraud was."

"When you hear how clever and ruthless and determined the actual fraud was, you would expect that the arrangements for what then happened to the money and how the money was to get out of bank accounts to be equally clever and well thought out."

The scam started on August 2nd, when the victim received a phone call at home from a fraudster pretending to be a "DC Adams" from Hammersmith Police Station, jurors heard.

Others also started to make calls, including a "Mr Carlisle" claiming to be from the fraud department at Santander Bank, along with a "DC Carl Jenkins".

Mr Dent said: "All cleverly done over a series of telephone calls to make Mr Gar-

rett feel that he really was in contact with a team of police officers and others working inside banks."

The victim was apparently told by "DC Adams" that a man called Peter Mitchell with a cloned credit card had been arrested in London, and that fraudulent transactions had been made in Mr Garrett's bank account, which had been frozen as a result.

He was also told there was someone successfully claiming to be him, the court heard.

The fraudsters convinced Mr Garrett he needed to transfer money to other accounts to keep it safe and secure, the jury was told.

Mr Dent said: "He was told that these were safe bank accounts under the care and control of police officers. This was all hush hush and undercover. In reality, these bank accounts were anything other than safe. These were the bank accounts of a number of people including the defendants in this case. And once money had gone into these accounts it came straight out. This was a very sophisticated, concerted and determined fraud, to try and get as much as possible out of Mr Garrett."

He was called numerous times, with one call lasting nearly two hours, jurors heard.

The victim was also persuaded to transfer money from his ISA accounts, the court heard.

Myers, of Harlow, Essex, Bavura, of Holloway, north London, Morrison, of no fixed address, and Esse, of King's Cross, north London, all deny converting criminal property.

Ahmed, of Whitechapel, east London, denies attempted conversion of criminal property.

The trial continues.



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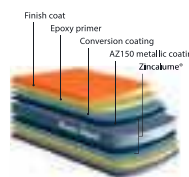
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Redundancy payments

REDUNDANCY payments at Dorset County Council in 2016 cost £1.3million – but should result in annual savings of more than £2million. Figures before county councillors show 212 redundancies between April and December 2016.

The council says the average payback period was 11 months but in one case, in the chief executives department, it would take 32 months – a figure described as ‘unusual’.

Astronomy evening

WEYMOUTH Astronomy Club is boldly going where the club has never gone before by holding its first ever Astronomy evening.

The Star Gazing Live event will be held on Friday, March 3rd from 7pm-8pm and everyone including non-members is welcome to attend this exciting evening.

Members will give a series of talks and everyone should meet at the gazebo by Sandsfoot Cafe where hot drinks will be available.

The evening will be weather dependent and those interested should check the Club's website for details at www.weymouthastronomy.co.uk.

Weldmar swimarathon

THE first Weldmar swimarathon at the Osprey Leisure Centre, Portland is likely to be repeated.

Teams of six took part in the event attempting to swim as many lengths as they could in an hour.

Fundraiser for Weldmar Diane Bentley said the event would now be organised annually after the good response from the community.

Seven teams took part with swimmers aged from 18 to over 80 – including three teams organised by Aqua Fit instructor Margaret Fridd, amongst them one lady who is 86.

Historic lighthouse restoration completed

PORTLAND Port has completed the restoration of the historic lighthouse situated at the main entrance to the harbour.

The structure has been restored to maintain the historical integrity of the breakwater – although a cheaper option was available.

The northern and north eastern breakwaters of Portland Harbour were constructed at the turn of the 20th century, at a time when hostilities with Germany were developing.

The harbour at that time was home to the British fleet and the additional breakwaters gave extra protection. The ‘A’ Head lighthouse on the southern roundhead of the north-eastern break-

water, would have been constructed around this time, believed to be approximately 1906, although little is known about its construction. It is one of the few remaining operating lighthouses of its kind in England.

The manufacturer of the lighthouse is cast into the support legs; Chance Brothers of Birmingham. The company was founded in 1824 as a leading glass manufacturer and a pioneer of British glassmaking technology, however, in 1851 they became a major lighthouse engineering company, producing optical components, machinery, and other equipment for lighthouses around the world.

The decision to restore the lighthouse was made after the last survey which found it to be in a heavily corroded state. Invitations to tender were sent out, with the restoration contract being awarded to Quest Marine Ltd.

Said Ned Wiltshire from the company: “The project involved transporting a large amount of plant and equipment by barge to the breakwater. “More than 10 tons of scaffolding was erected to allow us access to all parts of the structure.

“The work was carried out by Quest staff from the Weymouth and Portland area. We have very much enjoyed the challenge of giving this historic local landmark a new lease of life.”



■ FROM left, the lighthouse before, during and at the end of the restoration project




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Windows of opportunity: West Country manufacturer celebrates 40 years



In 2017 Somerset and Devon-based West Country Windows is celebrating 40 years of being in business and as one of a handful of West Country manufacturers with a business that is still run by two of the same directors who set it up in 1977; it holds a particularly unique position in the double glazing sector.

When the idea of West Country Windows was born in 1977, directors Ken Ashplant and Tim Earle remember the world as a very different place. Tim recalls the first Concorde flight between London and New York - something which was of particular significance to him as he was studying and living in the USA at the time.

Meanwhile Ken, who is West Country born and bred, was busy honing his skills as a carpenter and joiner at a national double glazing company, but when he became more involved with the research and development side of the industry it was apparent that there were a number of problems that were not being properly addressed. Ken says he saw his "window of opportunity" and together with Tim and a third director Tony Hamilton (who later retired through ill health) formed West Country Windows.

In the late seventies the firm was located in an old gloving factory, moving to its current HQ in Yeovil in 1980. The Barnstaple office in North Devon was opened in the early 1980s. In those days the market was all about aluminium windows, but that was soon to change with the arrival of UPVC.

In a market that has traditionally been the province of big national companies at one end and small "one man" bands at the other, West Country Windows has stood out as a business that has grown organically, taking time to see what is really important and actually manufacturing its products in the UK rather than sourcing them from large manufacturers churning out thousands a week.

Ken comments, "I think that part of our success can be attributed to our emphasis on having control over the product from start to finish. We firmly believe in controlling the quality of everything we do. Around 90% of the market comprises one man bands, often builders, who are buying in from a range of big trade suppliers more often governed by price than quality or performance."

An important factor contributing to the success of the business is the firm's loyal staff, many of whom have been with West Country Windows since the 1980s. Factory Manager Anthony Smith, known to everyone as "Tommy" is a prime example. Joining the business as part of the YTS (Youth Training Scheme) at age 15, he has never left and now relishes the role of Factory Manager which means he organises and oversees the workforce, making sure they are adhering to the high quality standards that has ensured the success of the business.

Another "lifer" is Office Manager, Angela Walker who joined in 1983 and said it's more like working for family than going into the office. She emphasised how both directors are always on hand to help staff with any issues or problems and how supportive they are of their team both in and outside the work environment.

Angela said, "Both Ken and Tim are always here and that has really helped to build the feel of the business; we are all in it together and everyone feels they have a role to play in making the company successful and working as a team."

With nearly 40 employees West Country Windows has built a really well managed, close knit team which is essential when keeping up with the demands of the industry.



Some of the West Country Window employees

Ken is proud of their loyal customer base and the fact that they regularly see repeat business. "What's so interesting is we are often asked to fit windows for the same family as they move from house to house. Then we are asked to do the same for their children as they have grown up and had families of their own."

However the market is not just about double glazed windows and one of the biggest sellers for West Country Windows is its wide range of conservatories which can be constructed from UPVC, aluminium or wood and come in a fabulous range of styles and sizes. Tim said, "When we started we probably only

sold a handful of conservatories, and the market didn't really start to take off until the late 1990s, but now they are one of our most popular products."

Keeping up to date with current trends is particularly important for the business and they have seen the market change to become more of a design and fashion choice rather than a distress purchase because the house is freezing! Ken says, "The power of programmes like Grand Designs and other lifestyle programmes and publications play a really important role in shaping what people are going to ask for."

Popular trends at the moment include an emphasis on colours - particularly greens and greys, plus solid insulated roofs for conservatories, sky lights and bi-folding doors.

Ken and Tim are confident that whatever trends the future may bring, they will rise to the challenge and continue to exceed the expectations of their customers. As a way of saying thank you they are offering up to 40% off selected products, plus the opportunity to recall memories of those heady days of transatlantic Concorde flights with the chance to win £5,000 in holiday vouchers for any destination in the world. See the website, www.westcountrywindows.com for more details.

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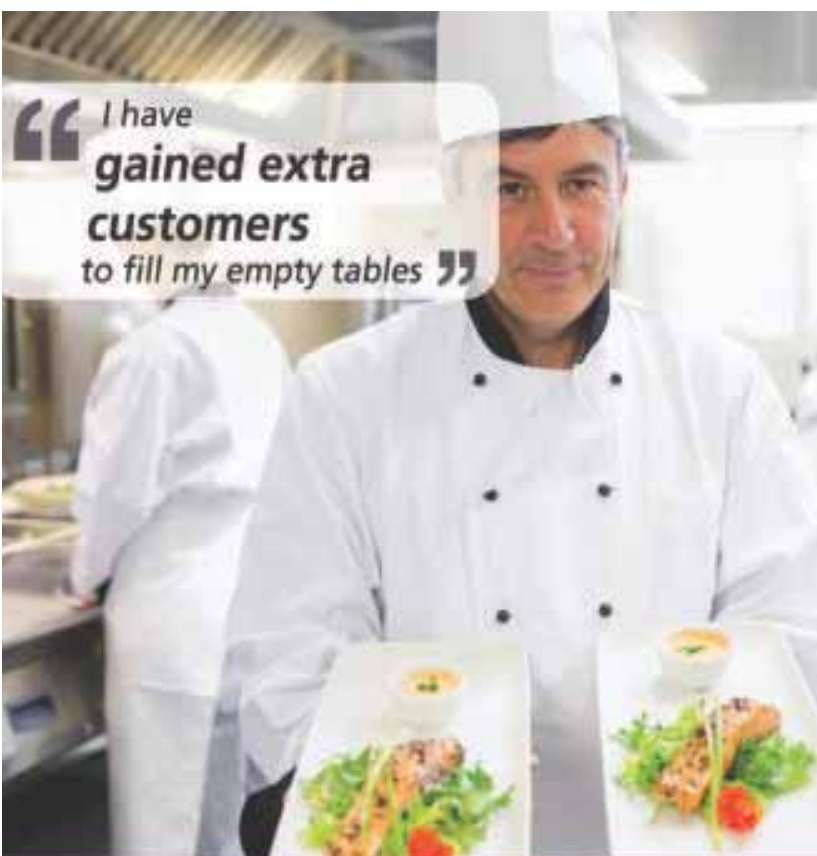
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■ **MATT Smith and Sealife Aquarist John Elliott at the end of their swim**

Challenge complete (only nine more to go!)

SWIMMING with sharks might not be everyone's idea of weekend fun – but for Weldmar Hospice-care's Fundraising Manager, Matt Smith, it's the sort of challenge he relishes.

Matt entered the shark tank at Weymouth Sealife Centre on Saturday with some trepidation but the reassuring presence of Sealife aquarist John Elliott settled his nerves.

John frequently dives with the sharks, not only for routine maintenance and care of the creatures in the tank, but to also clean the observation windows and underwater tunnel walls – a task he persuaded Matt to join in with.

Matt is marking ten years of working for the charity by setting himself ten challenges during the year.

His others include abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower at Portsmouth, the London Marathon, Skydiving, competing in the Three Peaks Challenge, Wingwalking, the Borneo Jungle Trek, a one mile open water swim, cycling 175 miles between all the Weldmar charity shops and a 10 hour dance-a-thon.

Said Matt: "Like so many people, my family have benefited from Weldmar. My aunt was cared for by the amazing staff both at home and within the hospice 17-years-ago. Her illness impacted the whole family; Weldmar weren't just there for her, but all of us too. I see each and every day what a difference the hospice makes to so many families, and how vital the services are that are provided across the county."

Matt admitted to being nervous at the start on his shark challenge, but soon got into the swing of swimming around in the tank which includes not only sharks, but turtles and a number of fish.

Surprisingly the sharks appeared more scared of Matt and rapidly made their way to the opposite

end of the tank for most of his 30-minute adventure. Perhaps more dangerous was a sting ray which Matt and John did keep a wary eye on.

Several members of Matt's family, including wife Charlotte, were at the event to cheer him on and he and John provided an added attraction for half-term visitors to the Weymouth attraction.

Matt said: "I arrived at Weymouth Sealife Adventure Park on Saturday full of nerves as this didn't only mark the start of my yearlong challenges, but was also a pretty daunting one too."

"After my safety briefing I got changed into my wetsuit and headed to the top of the tank. As I went underwater I realised just how many sharks, stingrays and tortoises there were and how close they came towards you looking you in the eye."

Matt joked that he still has all his fingers and toes intact however he did stress that there was a serious side to what he did.

"It was a great experience and so pleased that I launched my 10 challenge with this one, however, I am taking on these challenges to try and make a difference here in Dorset."

"It is so important that people continue to support Weldmar and I hope people will be inspired by my challenges this year and make a donation, or even join me on one of the challenges. I am putting myself through pain, fear and high adrenaline fuelled challenges, not just for the fun of it, but to make a difference to patients and their families and I want people to be part of that."

Matt's next challenge will be abseiling 100 metres down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth in just six weeks' time.

For more information about all of the challenges can be found on Weldmar's website at www.weldmar.org.uk/colossal10. You can sponsor Matt at www.justgiving.com/colossal10



■ **A BIG thumbs up from Matt**

Advertiser's Announcement

The need for business mediation

BUSINESS disputes are an inevitable part of running a business, and every business owner will eventually experience a dispute or conflict of some sort involving their company and these types of issues can be overwhelming, irritating, and stressful plus financially draining. However, the use of an independent third party in the form of a qualified, (Civil Mediation Council) skilled mediator can lead to an effective resolution.

Whilst business disputes can develop in a variety of areas i.e. with shareholders, fellow directors, suppliers, customers and employees by far the most common is around late or non-payment of invoices.

For a small business, a late payment can have a serious impact, especially if it's for a large amount. Sadly some of the worst payers are big businesses. Corporations often enforce their own payment terms, insisting on paying 60 days after receiving an invoice, or even later. Unfortunately many withhold payment even longer, for the sake of their own cash flow, disregarding the impact that might have on smaller suppliers.

Chasing payments by phone e-mail and letter isn't always enough. If you find that a payment is still not forthcoming even when you have said you will add late payment charges or a fine then to recover the

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So why use mediation to resolve a dispute? Mediation is quicker less costly and less stressful than going to court. Mediators do not make judgements or determine outcomes but ask questions to uncover the issues that have resulted in the non-payment leading to options for a resolution.

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National Trade Auctions

DAVID Graham of NTA Auction House has come out of retirement due to popular demand, as the longest established auctioneer in Weymouth it's no surprise NTA is back! With new premises behind the Pavilion in Weymouth town centre, not only is NTA more accessible, but has even more space than ever

before. The sales are still held weekly on Saturdays with all day Friday as a viewing day, there is always a great mix of items and more lots are always wanted! With refreshments, parking, a constantly updated facebook page and website, online and physical catalogues this family run business has you in good hands!



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WARDON HILL Trading Post is an Emporium with over 50 traders selling a selection of antiques, vintage, collectables and so much more. We have plenty of free parking & a cafe on site.

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just some of what will be coming up. So watch this space... An events calendar for the year is available from us at the Emporium or email whpost@yahoo.com and we will send one to you.

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With 50 free car parking spaces, and free Wi-Fi we are certainly worth a visit.

We also purchase items, small or large so if you are moving and have something that is surplus to requirements, or simply decluttering, give us a call.

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A favourite with the BBC's Antiques Road Trip, we are open seven days a week and are the ideal place to meet or bring friends for a truly nostalgic time!

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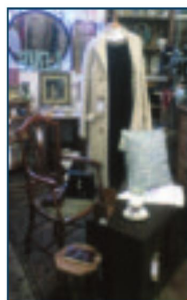
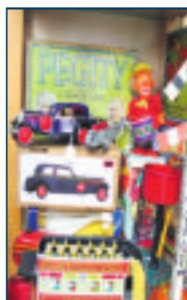
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Busby Auctioneers & Valuers

VENDORS with Busby enjoyed some good results at their Bridport Salerooms to start the year in the February Sale. Amongst items sold was an album of First World War postcards which was bought for £475 which drew a lot of interest from around the country. Also attracting interest was a Hasselblad 500C camera which realised £435, a late 19th century Perken, Son & Rayment brass and mahogany magic lantern which made £205, an Omega watch which made £295 and a very large sideboard which sold for £300 and is being shipped out to Thailand. Overall demand was strong with over 85% of lots being sold with jewellery and furniture doing particularly well.

The General Sale on March 2 offers more of the same with over 500 lots and includes a good selection of cameras including a Rolleiflex 2.8D in its original case (Est. £500 to £600), a wide selection of vinyl records offering most genres including a small collection of LPs by The Beatles and of local interest, a floor mounted cast iron saw bench made by the Paragon Engineering Company Bridport (Est. £60 to £80). Other lots will include jewellery and watches, silver, collectibles, pictures and furniture.

Busby will be holding their next General Sale on Thursday April 6 2017. Entries are invited. Catalogues, results and viewing times are available on line at busby.co.uk



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Labour confused by councillor's decision to change allegiance

■ AS Chair of Bridport and District Labour Party I am writing concerning the news that the Weymouth Labour Party Councillor, Mike Byatt, has changed his allegiance and has joined the Tories.

Of course, as with any political party, there are always divisions and internal struggles, but we struggle to understand Councillor Byatt's reasoning.

In the press releases following his resignation, he claims that he has not only lost faith in "the direction" of the Labour Party, but that the Conservatives have "ambition and vision" for the future.

Firstly, in terms of "vision", we question Councillor Byatt's reasoning when three wards in Weymouth are in the top ten for child poverty in the West. Local residents' children are finding it impossible to find affordable accommodation; and due to the increasing use of zero-hour contracts, difficult to get well-paid jobs.

Further, given the Tory "vision" for the future, we assume that he supports the privatisation of the NHS. As reported in the Bournemouth local press, a NHS provider, given the shortage of funding, has formed a private medical section to run alongside the NHS. The charges made are £40 for a ten-minute telephone consultation, £80 for 20 minutes and £145 for a 45-minute face to face consultation.

Given his newly found "vision" we presume Councillor Byatt will support the amount of public finance being ploughed into private health companies such as Virgin Health, while the NHS is starved of desperately needed funding.

In view of the above, we can only assume that Councillor Byatt has always been a Tory, and that his "vision" and "ambition" for the future is that children in Dorset will continue to be subjected to poverty, young people will still be unable to find affordable accommodation, and that we face the demise and destruction of the NHS.

Richard Nicholls
CHAIR BRIDPORT AND
DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY

There are options for affordable housing

■ I WRITE in relation to the recent decision by West Dorset District Council's planning committee not to enforce affordable housing on the former prison site in Dorchester.

As a citizen concerned about housing provision for the future, I attended the meeting. Before granting permission for the development, many of the councillors expressed their regret at not being able to do anything about affordable housing on the site.

I would like to propose a way forward to help these councillors meet the housing needs of local people and address their regrets.

If the decision is made by Government in the autumn to move the various Dorset councils towards unitary

status, the current function of the district's building in South Walks will cease. I would like the planning committee to propose that South Walks House be sold for £1 to a housing association and converted to residential flats for social housing. The planning and conversion cost could be paid from the district council's reserves, requiring no additional revenue spend.

Now that would be a fitting legacy for West Dorset!

Perhaps this development might one day provide the first customers for the next stage of the Charles Street development whilst also housing the key workers the town needs to attract!

Lee Rhodes
DORCHESTER

Dorchester needs new councillors

■ DORCHESTER needs new councillors, who can think strategically and creatively to save our wonderful town.

I have spent two years trying to get Dorchester councillors to look up from the minutia of preserving Dorchester and to think strategically about the future of the town.

Sadly with the approval of the plans for the prison development without improved access, I have failed.

I believe that our local councillors have been taken in by the professional public relations of City and Country who, appear to listen and then, do whatever they want to ensure their profits at the expense of the town.

It is difficult for the County Highways Department to be radical and creative when they know that our local Liberal councillors act as dead hand on innovation. The officers are attempting to make the best of

an impossible situation by widening the access via the Bow, between St Peter's and the Corn Exchange and requiring the developers to produce traffic and parking plans for the construction phase. We can only hope that these plans will go some way to reduce the impact on the residents of the area and traffic congestion in High West and High East Street.

If our councillors had lifted their heads above the minutia of Victorian chimney pots, the view of the prison wall, etc. they may have noticed that there are major plans to extend Dorset museum which will also impact on Colliton Street, which is again accessed via the Bow. Whilst the prison site offered a unique opportunity to improve access to this area of the town, this has not been pursued by our Dorchester councillors so the future for traffic in this part of the town is grim indeed.

I already find that I cannot sit in either a church or a cafe on High West Street without being disturbed by the sirens of emergency vehicles. Increased congestion results in more sirens. We are now faced with not only congestion and air pollution, but also noise pollution. Meanwhile our councillors have ensured the retention of Victorian chimney pots and a view of the prison wall and put at risk our two great iconic historic buildings, St Peter's Church and the Corn Exchange.

I call on the residents of Dorchester to demand better, and with the forthcoming elections in May, we need change. We need Councillors who are able to raise their heads above the minutia of conservation and look to strategic conservation and economic development for the benefit of all Dorchester residents.

Mary Calvert
MAUMBURY SQUARE

Our money should be for our services

■ I HAVE just read the Weymouth *View From*, and there is yet more adverts for grants for community buses.

All the time we are hearing, "keep older people independent in their own homes" and community buses take that away.

Our council has our money in their bank account. So why are we having our buses and services taken away?

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Vintage tea party to celebrate anniversary

HOMEOWNERS and staff at McCarthy and Stone's Bowes Lyon Court development on Bowes Lyon Place in Poundbury, are inviting local people to join them for a very vintage affair with tea, cakes, and the nostalgic sounds of the 1950s and 1960s.

The vintage-inspired tea party will take place at the assisted living retirement development today (Wednesday, February 22nd) between 11am and 3pm, and will raise money for older people's charity, Royal Voluntary Service.

In return for a small donation, there will be home-made cakes and scones, as well live entertainment in the form of a Jazz trio who will be covering hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

The celebrations are taking place to mark Mc-

Carthy and Stone's 40th anniversary, which in 1977 saw the company open its very first retirement development, paving the way for the creation of an entirely new sector of the property market.

To honour this important milestone, McCarthy and Stone is partnering with Royal Voluntary Service throughout 2017; and the vintage tea party at Bowes Lyon Court is one of the first of a series of events planned for the year with the aim of raising more than £130,000 to support the charity's projects across the South and the rest of the country.

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STAFF at Weymouth's Fish 'n' Fritz

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Said owner Paul Hay: "The scheme is very simple. When you come in, if you want to pay for an additional coffee we note that down. Then if someone in need comes in and asks for a 'Suspended Coffee', we will check the balance and give them one from the customers 'suspended' account.

"I have worked with the homeless and the char-

ities supporting them for many years and this scheme is a really great extension of that.

"Just look at what has happened locally over the last few weeks, now more than ever it's important that we look after everyone around us, especially someone who is less fortunate than ourselves."

The 'Suspended Coffee' or caffè sospeso is credited with starting in Naples, Italy. When someone had some luck they would buy a sospeso, two coffees but only drink one, gifting the other to someone else.

Mr Bloom to inspire budding young gardeners this Easter

CHILDREN'S TV entertainer Mr Bloom will be in Dorchester's Brewery Square on Good Friday (April 14th).

Mr Bloom, played by Ben Faulks, is a gardener who helps children to get involved and inspired by nature.

He will be at Brewery Square from 11am performing a 40 minute set for visitors to enjoy for free.

Youngsters can win a meet and greet with Mr Bloom after the show on Brewery Square's Facebook page by entering the "Welly Squiggle" competition.

Brewery Square is also hosting a free Easter Egg Hunt from Good Friday to Easter Monday, for children up to 15-years-old. The egg hunt will take place around the square from 10am until 4pm. Participants need to pick up a form on the day from the Concierge Office, hunt for the eggs and return the form for a free Easter prize.

Said Charlotte Spracklen, centre manager at Brewery Square: "We are all very excited about the arrival of Mr Bloom... We hope to make 2017 our biggest year full of exciting events and we can't wait to share some more information about what's in store for 2017."



WHO'S WHO IN Lyme Regis

Whoopsadaisy



WHOOPSADAISSY is tucked away just a short walk up Silver Street, it provides a friendly, colourful, fun workshop space to relax and discover your inner creativity!

Pottery Painting and Decoupage are always available although it's best to book as space is limited! There's also lots of fun workshops on offer throughout the year - Clay building, Mosaic, driftwood art, block printing, jewellery and lampshade making amongst many others.

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plates, bowls and much more!

Children's pottery painting or decopatch parties are popular; it's also a great venue for a hen party or a creative afternoon or evening with friends

Caroline will come out to your venue if you prefer and runs workshops for all ages - mother and toddler groups, cubs, Brownies, WI groups ...in fact any group who would like a fun creative activity at their meeting

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Lyme Bay Pizza

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At Lyme Bay Pizza what they serve is a little different from normal pizzas. They start with a sour dough base that offers extra flavour and they are all hand stretched to order. They use Sicilian tomato sauce and diced mozzarella. The pizzas are then topped with a variety of contemporary ingredients such as slow cooked pulled pork, tandoori chicken, smoked pepperoni, frankfurter sausage, wild mushrooms and camembert. Then they are stone baked in their oven.

Owner Nicholas Benwell says, "Our main goals are to do good food well and offer value for

money. The food is served in a relaxed environment with seating inside and outside, our front of house team is friendly and very willing to help in any way."

The restaurant serves a variety of wines, larger, cider, spirits and ales from Lyme Regis Brewery and at competitive prices.

Home delivery is now available every Wednesday and Thursday and there is a call and collect option available on their pizzas all week, for those who want to enjoy their food on the beach or at home. Just give them a call.

Lyme Bay Pizza are also available for events such as kid's pizza parties, business lunches, and pizza buffets. Just call to discuss your needs, the team are very flexible with what they can offer.

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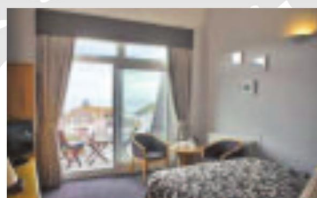
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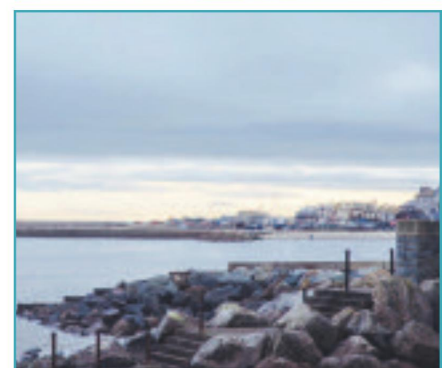
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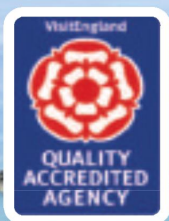
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■ IMOGEN Brown presenting her cheque to a Weldmar Hospiccare nurse

Teen raises £1,800 in memory of grandad

A YOUNG Dorchester fundraiser, Imogen Brown has raised £945 for Weldmar Hospiccare.

The 13-year-old organised a bingo event at St Mary's Catholic First School to raise money for the charity which cared for her grandfather, Chris Dufall, during 2015.

More than 120 people attended the bingo night, where there was also a raffle held – supported by

local Dorset businesses.

In August 2016, Imogen raised more than £862 by holding a cake sale.

She said: "Weldmar is an amazing place which looked after my grandad. I'm going to keep on fundraising for them. I will be having another cake sale on August 12th – as this was my Grandad's birthday."

Caroline Hamblett, Chief Ex-

ecutive of Weldmar Hospiccare, said: "I would like to thank Imogen, and her family, for all their hard work.

"The money they have raised will help us to continue to provide our Outstanding care across Dorset, supporting our patients and their families where and when they need us most – in their homes, in a local hospital in our hospice, or over the phone."

Adventurous fundraisers wanted

DIVERSE Abilities is looking for Dorset residents to step out of their comfort zone and get involved in one of its challenging fundraising events in 2017.

Among the events will be the Dorset Neon Run taking place in Poole Park in April and Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth, on September 23rd. Those who sign up can walk, run or dance around the 5k routes whilst lit up in neon paint, glow sticks, glow bracelets and fluorescent tutus to make sure they glow as they go.

Other events include the inflatable obstacle course in Weymouth on July 1st.

Individuals are also being asked to conquer their own fears with a skydive on July 8th at Salisbury and abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on July 23rd.

The charity is also organising a 48-hour wilderness challenge on Luy 14th to 16th which will include building an overnight shelter, camp cooking, water raft building and other fun tasks.

There is also a Dorset 3 Peaks challenge trek, on July 15th, across Dorset's countryside – a 12-hour hike across 26 miles of the Wessex Ridgeway to include the peaks of Lewesdon Hill, Pilsdon Pen and Bulbarrow Hill.

Ashley Weedon, events manager at Diverse Abilities, said: "With a range of events on offer this year, there really is some-

thing to suit everyone. Get involved today and do something amazing while raising funds supporting hundreds of children and adults living with disabilities in Dorset."

For further information on all challenge events that Diverse Abilities are holding during 2017, visit the charity's website at www.diverseabilities.org.uk/events or call the fundraising team on 01202 718266.

Diverse Abilities is the only charity that supports children and adults living with physical and learning disabilities, and their

families, in Dorset.

The charity was founded in 1955 by Mrs Phyllis Edwards who formed a group of parents, intent on providing better opportunities for their children with physical and learning disabilities. The charity has now grown to support over 700 children and adults in the county.

Diverse Abilities provides a range of assistance, support and education services for young people aged two to 19, adults with disabilities, and their families through its Children's Team, Adult Services, Langside School and an Advice Team.

Should BID continue?

WEYMOUTH BID is looking for people within the business community who are keen to be actively involved in developing a business plan for it continued existence.

Local businesses will be taking part in a ballot in May 2018 to decide whether or not the business group should continue and, if so, in what form.

"At this early stage the BID is keen for a wide range of people from all sectors to be involved and is not limited to existing levy payers.

The Weymouth BID Board are also looking for new Weymouth

BID Board directors to come forward from the business community to ensure that a good cross section of business sectors are represented on the board, in particular they are looking for representation from independent retail businesses and the service sector," said a news statement from the organisation.

Forms should be with the BID by Friday, March 3rd to enable an initial meeting to take place later that month.

Those who want to be involved should register their contact details at www.weymouthbid.co.uk/BID2

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TL BRIDAL will be opening their brand new store in Axminster on February 25th.

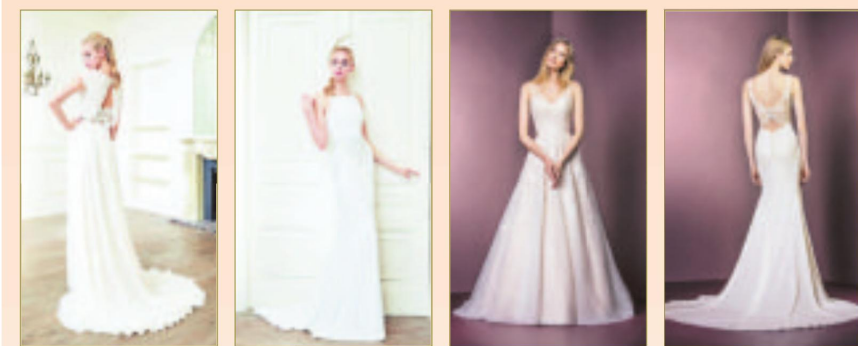
Lorraine and her daughter, Tessa, want everything to be absolutely perfect for their brides, and are in the process of making the finishing touches to the boutique.

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Prestigious scholarship for Owen

The Institution of Civil Engineers South West (ICE) has awarded a QUEST Technician Scholarship to promising future technician from Dorchester.

Owen Lister is a trainee highways technician for Dorset Highways and a part-time student at Solent University.

The QUEST Technician Scholarship provides financial support for engineering students in further or higher education, whilst they are also obtaining technical and practical engineering experience with employers.

The standard of entries for this year's QUEST Scholarships were extremely high, with entrants from all over the South West applying. Owen excelled in his interview and displayed an excellent knowledge of the civil engineering industry.

After achieving the scholarship, Owen said: "Once I had received the confirmation that I had been successful I could not contain my excitement

and happiness.

"It has made me and my family incredibly proud to have such a prestigious institution as ICE show they see potential within me and my future career progression. I look forward to continuing to work with ICE within my studies and after them in my progression into professional qualifications."

The Queen's Jubilee Scholarship Trust (QUEST) was set up in 1977 to support and encourage education in civil engineering. The awards are associated with excellence, looking for those with an aptitude for teamwork, leadership skills and ambition. The selection process for these awards is very competitive and attracts high-calibre applicants.

Regional director, Miranda Housden said: "QUEST Scholarships are awarded to those achieving and striving for the highest standards. All our new scholars have shown a great enthusiasm for engineering and will use the Scholarship to aid them in their studies."



■ PROUD SCHOLAR: Owen Lister



■ GRATEFUL THANKS: Cattistock Tennis Club chairman Ken Barfoot presents gifts to retiring chairman Sally Wood

Thank you gifts for tennis club stalwarts

CATTISTOCK Lawn Tennis Club has showed its appreciation to Sally Wood, who is stepping down as chairman.

She was presented with a rose bowl and Golden Celebration rose by incoming chairman, Ken Barfoot.

Over her five years in the role Sally has worked to raise funds from a variety of sources. These funds have helped with re-laying and levelling of the courts, a new clubhouse with toilet, and an equipment shed. The club also now has a paid groundsman, who has ensured the courts have been

kept in good condition.

Sue Fox, retiring treasurer of 30 years from Lyme Regis, and Andrea Smith, junior membership secretary, were also given thank you gifts at the annual meeting. Andrea has organised Saturday coaching for juniors during the season and various tournaments where budding local 'Andy Murrys' and 'Johanna Kontas' have blossomed, with the help of coach Justine Smith.

The new season will start as soon as weather permits. New members are welcome whether good players or wanting to im-



Sue Fox receives a gift from Lyme Sally Wood

prove.

Contact club membership secretary, Leonora Davidson, on 01300 320336 or email leonoradavidson@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Vet talk to aid CAB

DORCHESTER vet' Martin Fielding will be raising money for the Citizens Advice Bureau when he takes his talk "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dorset vet" to Sherborne next month.

His talk for the CAB, given in Dorchester earlier in the year, was a sell-out success.

He will be speaking at the Raleigh Hall, Sherborne on Friday, March 10th.

The talk will be presented in aid of Dorchester, Sherborne and Districts Citizens Advice Bureau.

Mr Fielding's patients have ranged from pet spiders to a circus elephant with everything in between.

Daniel Cadisch, chief officer of Dorchester, Sherborne and Districts Citizens Advice, said: "Martin gave a talk in Dorchester and it was such a success we are delighted that he has offered to do one in Sherborne as well. His anecdotes are hugely entertaining. The proceeds from this event are going to our mental health project which provides vital support for our clients through a specialist advisor."

Mr Fielding's wife Sally, also a former vet, is a volunteer advisor and supervisor in the Dorchester office.

Mr Fielding said: "I understand how important Citizens Advice is. It is a wonderful organisation doing a marvellous job offering free and independent advice for people when they most need a helping hand.

"I've treated all sorts of animals over the years with farm work, lots of cats and dogs and more exotic patients like penguins and pythons and a circus elephant with a burn. Often the funny side of treating an animal is dealing with the owners – I can tell a few stories about some of them, mostly from my early days as a vet in Whitby."

Doors open at 7pm on March 10th with the talk starting at 7.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection and the evening includes a raffle and refreshments.

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IT / Computers: 2 Apple Imacs 18 various desktop PCs incl. Alienware i7 gaming PCs, Dell Precision T5500, Acer Aspire Revo mini etc. 10+ various laptops (i7, i5, i3 etc). Telephones, printers, shredders, CCTV equipment, 2 wide capacity printers by HP comprising 1 x Design Jet 800 & 1 x Designjet T1100ps etc.

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Misc.: 2 wheelchairs, a qty of air beds, a corner bath, 14 new basins, several electric guitars, a bench top wood turning lathe by Workzone, a small Wolf compressor, Bosch, Makita & Hitachi drills. Pool table. Kayaks.

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Campaign to make Dorset a national park

A WEBSITE has been set up to back the bid for Dorset to become England's next National Park.

Natural England has given this proposal has committed itself to give it a further detailed evaluation as soon as resources permit.

Backers of the bid, which includes the Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England, say National Park designation would "conserve and enhance" the local environment which is coming under increasing pressures from developers and Government housing targets.

If finally agreed, the National Park would be the planning authority for its area and would simplify the planning process.

The group involved in the bid say

that being a National Park will bring tourism and business benefits and would help rejuvenate our towns and villages and attract and retain young people.

It would bring new and additional funding and the chance to bid for more – for sustainable transport, farming, tourism and additional infrastructure.

"The idea of acquiring National Park status is very exciting as there are so many benefits for Dorset. "Together we can help secure the future of our beautiful Dorset and see it is nurtured and treasured as the very special and beloved place we all know it to be," said Jane Lewis.

The website can be found at - <http://www.dorsetnationalpark.com/>

School history exhibition

A FINAL appeal has gone out for old photos and other items from the past 60 years of Damers First School in Dorchester.

An exhibition looking back over the years will be held on Saturday, March 4th from 11am until 1pm.

It will be a last chance for the general public to have a look at the school before it closes

and the staff and pupils move to their new home at Poundbury at Easter.

More than a hundred people have already requested tickets for the event with many of them contributing various items of memorabilia – but is still looking for a uniform from the days when it was known as 'the brown school'.

Also being looked for is a time capsule buried on the site – with none of the current staff able to discover where it was buried.

A special email site has been set up for people to send in items - history@damers.dorset.sch.uk or they can call 01305 264924.

Tickets for the event can also be booked using the email.

Plans to restore nature reserve

WEYMOUTH & Portland Borough Council is working in partnership with Dorset Wildlife Trust and Natural England to restore Verne Common Local Nature Reserve.

Verne Common Local Nature Reserve forms an important greenspace for local people, as well as being of national importance for a number of wildlife species which exist on the site. The site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and as such has legal protection.

In 2014 Weymouth & Portland Borough Council signed up to a Higher Level Stewardship agreement awarded through Natural England, in order to gain funds to help towards the manage-

ment of the site.

Jeff Cant, Leader of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Briefholder for Finance and Assets, said: "We are committed to restoring the site and delighted to be able to make a major contribution of £100,000 to this work on behalf of the community and take works forward with Dorset Wildlife Trust, who have demonstrated strong interest in seeing the best for this site.

"Restoring the nature reserve will make best use of the area and enable residents and visitors to further enjoy a beautiful part of Portland"

Planned scrub reduction will be carried out through goat, pony and sheep grazing which will allow the habitat to

flourish. The borough council is seeking to involve the public in the ongoing management of the reserve and is looking for public participation through a volunteer common shepherding scheme. Training in shepherding and stock health will be provided to volunteers who are interested in getting involved in the project.



■ VERNE Common Local Nature Reserve which will undergo restoration with scrub clearance carried out by goats (above)



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Clean Window Treatments: Take down your draperies and launder or dry-clean them; dust off blinds and clean with a sponge. Freeing these areas of dust helps to refresh the air in your home so you can breathe easy.

Replace Outside Doormats: Give your front door a fresh new look for spring. Replace your winter-ravaged doormat with a new one.

Check Batteries in Smoke Alarms: Fire safety includes doing a battery check

every six months. A great way to remember this task is to do it when you reset clocks for daylight savings.

Clean Your Gutters: It's time again to clear gutters of leaves, twigs, and debris left in winter's wake. It's important to keep gutters clear so they won't clog and drive water under the house eaves and into your walls.

Organize Your Home Office: Go through files and shred unnecessary papers. Give your computer the once-over, sorting folders, deleting outdated files, and backing up important data onto an external drive.

Slipcover Furniture: Protect your upholstered furnishings from intense summer sun by covering them or moving the pieces out of direct natural light.

Prevent Bugs: As the weather warms, insects return in search of food. Don't put out the welcome mat. Instead, make sure all dry goods are stored in airtight containers. Wash your pet's dishes as soon as they finish meals. Check seals on trash receptacles and wash all containers and bottles before recycling.

Prepare Your Outside Spaces: Don't be stuck cleaning the day of your first cook-out. Prep now and enjoy your deck or patio all summer long.

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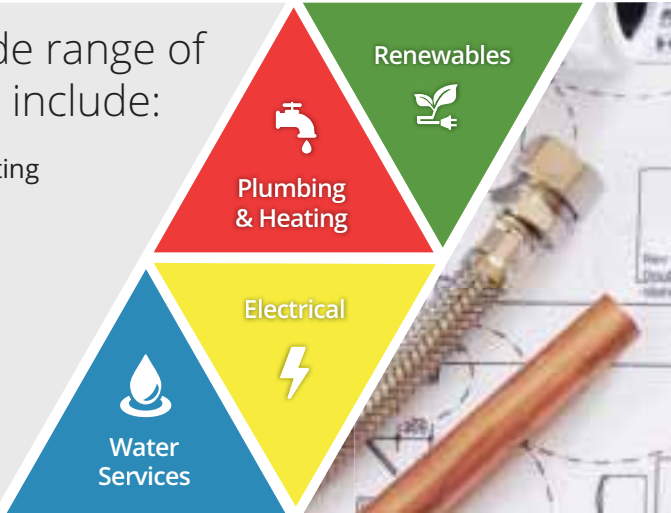
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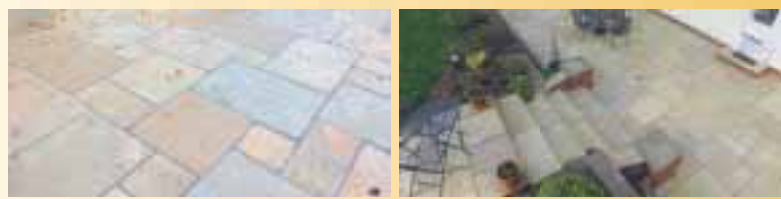
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Your guide to local live music

Copacabana comes to Lyme Regis



Annika Skoogh

MOST PEOPLE wouldn't normally associate "Nordic" with "latin" but that's all about to change when Annika Skoogh's Latin Quartet bring their Copacabana sounds to Jazz Jurassica in Lyme Regis in March.

Swedish bandleader and singer, Annika, is Swedish but born in Ecuador and reckons those bossa beats are wired into her musical DNA. "I was a bit more passionate, more feisty than others growing up around me in Sweden – maybe that was my inner latin beginning to assert itself?"

Her singing career started, like many others, in her bedroom, singing along to Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and latterly Stevie Wonder. It wasn't until she sang in a school choir and thought "hmm, perhaps I can do this" that she developed confidence to perform in public with her guitarist boyfriend doing covers of Bon Jovi and Randy Crawford in Switzerland of all places.

She arrived in Exeter in 2000, after living in Switzerland, Norway and Spain, but now regards the UK as home. Here she joined a gospel choir, then sang backing vocals for a local soul band. Jazz still wasn't on the horizon. "I didn't get into jazz until late in my singing career. My first love

was Brazilian jazz inspired by Joyce Moreno, then the acid jazz of groups like Jamiroquai. Only afterwards did I start to listen to people like Ella Fitzgerald, Sinatra and Miles Davis".

She's one of the few female bandleaders around, writing and arranging her own material but usually with male musicians – both rewarding and challenging, she says. "You have to be a certain sort of woman – strong, confident and secure in your own judgment. But the main thing is working as a team. My voice is my instrument and when I sing with other musicians I'm not a separate artist, I'm one of them".

Her infatuation with latin runs deep. "I just love those rhythms and beats. I don't speak Portuguese but I've learnt to sing in it as those Brazilian sambas and bossas just don't sound

right in any other language". Capturing the right "feel" is crucial for Annika, "You can be taught the technical side of musicianship but having a good ear and "feel", you either have it or you don't".

In March at Jazz Jurassica, she says, you can expect "a variety of tempo and styles from intimate bossas to uptempo sambas, some in English, but mostly in Portuguese. There'll be shimmying and hip-swaying and even an audience sing-along". Lucky Lyme Regis!

Annika Skoogh's Latin Quartet, Saturday, March 11th, By the Bay Restaurant, Lyme Regis. Customers must book a table in advance because of limited capacity. Tickets from www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/jazz-jurassica/ or through Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.

Master of the blues harmonica returns to the Electric Palace

PAUL LAMB, undisputed master of the blues harmonica, is back with his band The King Snakes at Bridport Electric Palace on Friday, March 10th after a memorable Blues night in 2015.

Lamb started playing the harmonica during his childhood, inspired by Sonny Terry, and he was fortunate to meet and collaborate with him after beginning to perform in clubs by the age of fifteen.

He also played alongside his heroes such as Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Brownie McGhee.

He formed the Blues Burglars with guitarist Johnny Whitehill in the early 1980s, a formation that eventually became Paul Lamb & the King Snakes. They released an eponymous album with Ace Records in 1990, followed by several others, each building both Lamb's personal reputation as a harmonica player and the band's prestige.

He was awarded with the British Blues Connection's annual award for the best local harmonica player several years in a row whilst the King Snakes frequently took the title as best band.

As a consequence,

his own harmonica skills have been in demand, and he had a hit in 1994 in the UK Singles Chart with the track, Harmonica Man (under the pseudonym of Bravado) with Pete Waterman. Lamb has also worked with Mark Knopfler, The Who, Rod Stewart and Jimmy Nail and played on television and film soundtracks and various UK television commercials.

He was more recently inducted into the British Blues Awards Hall of Fame. Blues & Rhythm magazine described his band as 'lazily cocksure and coolly aggressive'.

Paul has represented Britain in the World Harmonica Championships, working with his mentor, Sonny Terry.

The band comprises Paul Lamb, Ryan Lamb, Chad Strentz, Rod Demick and drummer Dino Coccia.

There's a deal of experience behind vocalist and rhythm guitarist Chad Strentz. He started out as a rockabilly hound, encouraged by the wilder excesses of Gene Vincent, Johnny Burnette and Mac Curtis, with some Elvis and Little Richard in there for extra relish.

Bass player and vocalist Rod Demick. He formed his first group, the Vibros, when he was eleven and later graduated to Wheels, the only R&B competition in Belfast for Van Morrison and Them.

Paul Lamb and the King Snakes play at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, March 10th. Doors open 7pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £10.50 in advance, or £12 on the door. For more details or to book call 01308 426336 or visit www.electricpalace.org.uk

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Steve is a favourite among comedy goers up and down the country and has a never ending stream of tales from his life as a deaf man with teenage kids paving his way in the tricky world of showbiz.

Joining Steve will be a full line up of support acts, including Tom Christian, local comic Niki McCretton and resident MC, Tom Glover.

"People ask me when Steve will be back after almost every show so I'm hoping they don't miss it!" said Tom.

"He was one of the country's finest comedians so it's great to have him down and we will have a great line up of support acts as well."

The club runs monthly at the Bridport Art's Centre in the newly refurbished cafe room. The gig is a small intimate affair with limited tickets so book early to avoid disappointment.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Wednesday, March 1st. Tickets are £8 adults/£6 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.

Steve Day

Critically acclaimed play about cricketer Colin Milburn comes to the Marine Theatre

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.



Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

Chekhov's Shorts

EUROPEAN Arts Company return to Dorset with performances of *Chekhov's Shorts* at Dorchester Arts on Friday, February 24th, Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday 25th, and the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday 26th. The show is a hugely entertaining collection of classic one-act farces by Anton Chekhov, including *The Evils of Tobacco*, *The Dimwit*, *The Bear*, *Swan Song* and *The Proposal*.

This is a highly entertaining introduction to one of the world's great writers. Chekhov is the second most performed playwright in the world after Shakespeare and is best known for plays such as *The Seagull*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *The Three Sisters* and *Uncle Vanya*, as well as his short stories.

The show features former RSC actor Rupert Mason (*A Touch of Frost*, *Eastenders*), actor-comedian Will Hartley (*Otherworld*, *The One Griff Rhys Jones*) and exciting newcomer Eva Savage.

These short plays were originally written for Russian vaudeville theatres and are hugely entertaining.

Director John O'Connor says 'They represent an important moment in the development of Chekhov as a writer. They combine all the tragic-comic beauty of the longer plays with the silliness of a sketch show. This is Chekhov at his comic best, before *Uncle Vanya* started shooting, *The Seagull* got stuffed, *The Three Sisters* started moaning and *The Cherry Orchard* was 'car-parked'.

European Arts Company last graced Dorchester Arts' stage with *The Trials of Oscar Wilde* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, both hugely successful shows that eventually transferred to the West End.

Tickets for the Dorchester Arts show are £12 full price or £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchester-arts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 - 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

Tickets for the Bridport Arts Centre show are £12 full or £10 concessions, from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

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Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Feeling the chill at *Aladdin*, but *Testament* ups the temperature

I'VE HAD a marvelous few days in Sydney. I was there to visit my sister and get a bit of sunshine, but I was also able to sneak into a couple of shows, during my visit.

The weather was glorious for the majority of my trip with the temperature topping 40° on a couple of occasions, which was a bit too warm for my wintered pasty flesh.

The venues in Sydney are geared up for hot summers however, with air conditioning pumping cool air throughout the auditoriums, which at times makes it a bit chilly if anything (there's just no pleasing me!).

I found the same thing when I visited New York a few summers ago. It was nice to get a break from the

searing heat but after half an hour or so, the auditoriums felt more like an arctic wasteland.

Unfortunately many of the venues in this country, due to their age don't fare well in extremes of temperature. On a few occasions last summer the heat in some of the London theatres was stifling and induced sleep (or maybe that was just the shows I was watching).

Sadly at this time of year you are never sure what you are going to get, with antiquated heating systems offering either fully on or off and not much in between.

Anyway, I enjoyed the sunshine while I could and between beach visits, I embarked upon the Sydney Opera House tour (a bit

chilly), which was quite interesting, although with my short attention span, I'd had enough after about 20 minutes.

The interior of the building reminded me of the Royal Festival Hall, with polished concrete and wood paneling. Ed Sheeran had been there the day before and although I'm not a big fan, I would have relished the opportunity to see him.

I also found the time to pop along to see Disney's *Aladdin* (absolutely freezing!), which lacked the sparkle of the West End production, but was nonetheless, still hugely entertaining.

I watched an amazing performance by the acclaimed Australian actress Alison Whyte in the Sydney The-



■ *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre, Sydney

atre Company's production of *The Testament of Mary*. It was performed in their Wharf Theatre (a good temperature), which stands on the water in Sydney Harbour and is a remarkable venue.

I was also invited to the premiere of a new television show called 'Australia Eats' and enjoyed a swanky party with a bunch of Australian celebs whom I didn't know. The show looks like it's good fun and the company are hoping it will get a transfer onto British TV in the near future.

It was fantastic to see a bit of theatre away from the UK and get an insight into the entertainment

scene on the other side of the planet.

Next week I'm back to the drizzle of London and I'm hoping my jet lag won't induce any impromptu napping, as I've got a lot to see.

Firstly, I'm hoping to bump into Gary Barlow again at the gala press night of *The Girls*. I'll try to play it cool and when he decides to come over and chat, I might pretend I'm not sure who he is. Who am I kidding? I'll go gaga and act like an excited teenager again I expect!

I'm also off to see *The Wild Party* at the newly opened The Other Palace, which promises to be a real treat. It stars some real West End favourites

including John Owen-Jones, Tiffany Graves and Frances Ruffelle, who has become a friend, so I'm really looking forward to seeing her in action again.

I have missed a number of the local shows over the last couple of weeks and I understand both Lyme Regis' and Honiton's pantomimes were exceptional. The panto season isn't quite over, so I'm expecting to cram in a few more visits before too long.

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■ Celebrity chefs Andy Allen and Ben Melbourne are hoping to bring their Eat series to the UK



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Brit-Award winner Beverley Craven to perform in Dorchester

BRIT-Award winner Beverley Craven is back on the road performing a handful of select venues in 2017 as she continues to promote her acclaimed latest album 'Change of Heart'.

Beverley is looking forward to performing her new songs live alongside timeless classics Promise Me, Holding On, Woman To Woman, Love Scenes and many more.

With a witty narrative and unforgettable melodies, her poignant sentiments will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia, or maybe even the odd tear.

Beverley Craven performs at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, March 11th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

Tickets are £22.50 or £20.50 for members and concessions.

For more details or to book call 01305 266926 or visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk



Josie Long's for Something Better

FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show 'Cara Josephine' across the UK, Europe, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure, All of the

Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.



A Night of Romantic Opera

A THIRD visit to Dorchester for the acclaimed Swansea City Opera with a captivating show transporting audiences into the world of Romantic Opera.

This enchanting evening of arias and ensembles accompanied by piano is performed by a carefully selected cast of singers from the major national and international opera houses, with music from some of the best-loved romantic

composers including Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and Mozart.

As ever, Artistic Director of SCO Brendan Wheatley will introduce the music and compère the evening in his own inimitable style.

'A Night of Romantic Opera' comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 18th at 8pm (doors & bar 7:30pm). Tickets are £16 / £14 available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Steve Knightley to perform show in Dorchester

SHOW OF HANDS frontman Steve Knightley returns with his latest live show 'Landlocked'. Inspired by the 2015 'Grow Your Own Gig' tour of rural venues, which came to Dorchester Arts, the first half of the evening will feature original and traditional songs of the land. The second half will draw on nautical themes from his 2015 'All At Sea' tour of maritime venues.

Knightley has been rated as "one of England's greatest singer songwriters" and has a prolific back catalogue of inspired songs including the rousing Country Life (about the demise of rural living) and Tall Ships (set in a West Country fishing village).

Steve Knightley plays at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Wednesday, March 8th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

Tickets are £18, members and concessions £16, available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call 01305 266926.



Steve Knightley

Spring 2017 highlights at Dorchester Corn Exchange



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Fri, Feb 24th - Thu, Mar 2nd

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Fifty Shades Darker¹⁸
Fri-Tue: 20.30
Hidden Figures^{PG}
Fri: 13.15, 19.30
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Mon: 19.30, Tue: 17.15
Wed: 14.15, 20.30, Thu: 14.15
John Wick: Chapter 2^{12A}
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 13.45, 16.45, 20.00
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Wed: 13.45, 16.45, 20.00
Patriots Day¹⁵
Fri, Mon, Tue: 13.30, 16.45, 20.00
Sat: 10.15, 13.30, 16.45, 20.00
Sun: 10.15, 16.45, 20.00
Wed: 13.00, 16.30, 19.45
Thu: 12.30, 15.45, 20.30
Sing 2D^U
Fri: 16.30, Sat & Sun: 10.45, 13.45, 16.45, Mon, Tue: 14.15, Wed, Thu: 17.45
The Great Wall^{12A}
Fri, Mon: 15.00, Sat & Sun: 17.45, Tue: 13.30, Wed & Thu: 14.45
The Lego Batman Movie^U
Fri, Wed, Thu: 12.00, 17.30, Sat: 9.30, 12.15, 15.00, Sun: 11.30, 14.00, Mon: 11.45, 12.15, 17.45, Tue: 16.45, Wed & Thu: 12.00, 17.30

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Alice Through the Looking Glass^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Ballerina^U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Fifty Shades Darker¹⁸
Fri-Mon: 14.00, 17.00, 19.45
Tue: 13.50, 18.00, 19.50
Wed & Thu: 14.15, 17.00, 19.45
Hidden Figures^{PG}
Fri-Mon: 14.50, 20.10
Tue-Thu: 12.00, 14.50, 20.10
John Wick: Chapter 2¹⁵
Fri-Sat, Mon: 12.30, 12.40, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
Sun, Tue: 12.30, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
Wed & Thu: 12.20, 15.10, 18.00, 20.50
La La Land^{12A}
Fri, Sun-Mon: 16.45, 19.40, Sat: 15.00, Tue: 16.45, 19.30
Lion^{PG} Fri-Mon: 19.50, Tue: 13.30
Logan¹⁵
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Moana 2D^{PG}
Sat: 12.10, Sun: 11.20am
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Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
Sing 2D^U
Fri, Mon: 14.20, 15.20, 18.00
Tue: 10.00, 11.40, 12.40, 15.20, 18.00
Sun: 11.40, 13.00, 14.20, 15.40, 18.15
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T2: Trainspotting¹⁸
Fri-Tue: 20.45
The Great Wall^{12A}
Fri-Tue: 12.20, 17.40, 21.15
Wed & Thu: 12.15, 14.40, 17.40, 19.50
The Lego Batman Movie 2D^U
Fri, Mon-Tue: 12.20, 13.45, 14.50, 16.15, 17.20, 18.45
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 12.20, 13.45, 14.50, 16.15, 17.20, 18.45
Wed & Thu: 12.10, 13.50, 16.30
Trolls 2D^U
Sat & Sun: 10.10am

Fringe Legend Pip plays 'The Iron Lady'

NOT MERELY a reflection on how to portray this lady but a live audience with Margaret Thatcher; Pip Utton IS The 'Iron Lady'! Saviour or witch? Love her or hate her? Not for Pip to decide, only to portray.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach touring circuit in Dorset and a legend at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, has produced numerous spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. Winner of The Stage Special Award for Acting Excellence in 2015, 'Playing Maggie, The Iron Lady' is his latest triumphant piece of new writing.

Artsreach Co Director Kerry Bartlett said "As Dorset's arts charity we are thrilled that, thanks for the support of our funders and partners such as solicitors Blanchards Bailey, we are able to continue to bring such outstanding new writing by acclaimed actors like Pip Utton to the County."

From 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher divided the nation like no other politician; she changed the face of British, and perhaps world politics forever, and the effects of her influence and policies are still felt today. In this spellbinding and provocative performance, listen to her philosophies, her inspiration and her logic, and then take the chance to question her as Pip not only becomes Margaret Thatcher, but risks taking audience questions, and answering them as The Iron Lady herself! This outstanding show appears in Dorset for two performances in February. Early booking is most certainly advised! Suitable 14+

Pip Utton brings The Iron Lady to Shipton Gorge Village Hall on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 897562.



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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

LYME REGIS: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23rd

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come along to a seminar which is being taken by David Sinclair. David has been along several times before and is an excellent speaker. His subject this time will be "Who am I anyway? An exploration into identity and self-esteem. David is a member of the team of Wessex Psychotherapy and Counselling Services who offer professional therapy in Dorset and South Somerset. All are welcome ... there is no charge for this evening event. 7pm-9pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24th

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25th

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7:30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

WEYMOUTH: Traidcraft Big Brew at Holy Trinity Church, DT4 8JT, 10am - 3pm. Following last year's successful event, Holy Trinity will be holding another Traidcraft Big Brew, where all can enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a slice of delicious home-made cake while supporting the work of Traidcraft Exchange. There will be a wide range of fairly trade food, cards and gifts available with many gifts and jewellery at much reduced prices. Also jewellery and bags to support the Dorset/Murug Community Projects in Kenya. Enquiries to Linda Perry via 01305 770569, or visit www.holytrinityweymouth.org.

LITTON CHENEY: Charity Variety Show Litton and Thorners at Community Hall will raise money for three chosen charities, Macmillan Cancer Support; the Bride Valley Churches; and the Litton Cheney Children's Playground project. We have seven Variety Acts booked which include a classical instrumental, a magician, a popular band and singing group, and a modern dance performance by a group of young people from the Dorchester Dance and Ballet School. All the talented Acts have given their time and talents freely and a number of individuals and local businesses have made donations and have sponsored the evenings programme.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Hot Pastry Lunch with Fruit Punch and Mulled Cider at 12.30pm. Organised by Holy Trinity Church. The venue is the Village Hall. There will also be a table quiz with a picture round. Tickets are £5 from Bridport Music Shop or contact Ro on 01308 459259.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26th

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Sunday 10am-4pm. The shops and Red Brick Cafe at St Michaels Trading Es-

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport, with guest musician Ruth Thompson and caller Ann Hinchliffe. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on nights with live music. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

BRIDPORT: A Box Full of Wonders - NT Archaeological discoveries in the South West. Talk by Nancy Grace, National Trust Archaeologist. Nancy has worked for the National Trust since 1986. Her work has taken her from Gloucester to Cornwall mainly on the collections, excavations and public events. Her talk will concentrate on the work done in Dorset with information about sites excavated in other parts of the South West. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Bridport United Church Main Hall, East St, 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Visitors £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28th

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: The Lyme Regis Society is hosting a talk entitled Hestercombe House and Gardens given by Philip White at 2.30pm, at Woodmead Halls. All Welcome. Free for Members of Lyme Regis Society, U3A and Friends of the Museum. Visitors £3.00

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club. Talk by Helen & Stephen Jones: "Catching the Moment - successful event photography". 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

THURSDAY MARCH 2nd

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ for the AGM followed by a quiz. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

WEYMOUTH: Broadway, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. A talk by Mark Read entitled 'Vegetable gardening in containers'. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadway, Weymouth starting at 7.30pm. Details on 01305 813853 or website.

FRIDAY MARCH 3rd

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Phil Wells' Triptych. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: 26th Anniversary Smith Charity Ball. At Freshwater Holiday Centre (DT6 4PT). 8pm-1.30am. Music by The Gen Gap and Tricord. Two course supper at 8.30pm. Tickets £27.50, available from Henry (01308 868313). Proceeds to D&S Air Ambulance, Dorset Renal Unit, Herefield Hospital, Cancer Research UK, Weldmar, Julia's House, and Diabetics. Many thanks to sponsors AJ Wakeley & Sons, Highlands End Holiday Park, Kitson & Trotman, and Symonds & Sampson.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT: Christian Aid Lent Soup & Roll Lunch. At Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole. Everybody is welcome to this friendly and relaxed lunch. Suggested donation of £2.50. 12.45pm.

ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

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Property View



DECLUTTER BY DESIGN

By Sam Wylie-Harris, Press Association

WE'VE all heard the saying, 'tidy house, tidy mind', and there's a lot of truth in it. Maximising your space and ridding yourself from all that clutter can be far more positive than you might think.

Not only can hoarding cause us anxiety and stress, but freeing your home of unwanted stuff means you can actually display the things you really love, creating a style statement with a dual purpose.

But where to start?

"Decluttering isn't about throwing out the old to bring in the new, it's about stripping it back, leaving only items that you need and that add value to your home," says Simon Granville, managing director at Store (aplaceforeverything.co.uk).

"To avoid feeling daunted, tackle a single drawer, cupboard or shelf at a time. Sort through each item one by one making four piles - keep, sell, charity, bin - but be ruthless. Once you've decided what you're keeping, it's important to find a home for each item; if you know where everything lives, you're less likely to 're-clutter' throughout the year."

Interior designer Amelia Carter (www.ameliacarter.com) agrees: "Consider a plan of attack. I would pick the room that is most vital and needs to be in working order, and begin there. Also, don't over estimate what you can achieve in a day. We all start with good intentions and get bored, so think of it in smaller jobs, rather than one big one."

HALL OF FAME

First impressions count, and the hallway offers a clear vision of what the rest of the house may look like.

Storage benches are the perfect way to declutter your hall, and baskets grouped together in varying sizes can be functional as well as fun.

And don't pooh-pooh the humble

shoe rack; it can take care of wellies, trainers and everyday shoes, and you can always turn one of the shelves into a makeshift wine rack!

:: John Lewis Croft Collection 3 Tier Shoe Rack, £60 (www.johnlewis.com)

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SHOW KITCHEN

"Even if you have ample storage space in your kitchen, it's important it's well organised, so you can really make the most of it," says Terry Brown, commercial director at Benchmark Kitchens. "You can ensure you maximise usable space by choosing different storage solutions that work best for your needs."

"If you're keen to have more space for food items, why not incorporate a larder/corner pantry unit into your scheme, which will ensure that all of the available space is used?"

Also, don't feel you have to be traditional. Once



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you've ditched any chipped crockery, glassware and old cutlery, clever ideas - such as a step ladder or open shelving units - can be used to display favourite pieces, chinaware, chopping blocks, storage containers and even cookware.

:: Somerset Timber Shaker in Grey, from £273 for a 100cm base unit, visit Benchmark Kitchens online to find your nearest stockist (www.benchmarkkitchens.co.uk)

:: Sherwood Shaker Style in Grey, from £211 for a 100cm base unit, visit Benchmark Kitchens online to find your nearest stockist (www.benchmarkkitchens.co.uk)

:: Kallax Series Wire Basket, £8; Shelf Insert, £8; Hanging Organiser for Accessories, £1; Storage with Compartments, £10; Shelf Divider, £12 each, Ikea (in store from mid-February; www.ikea.com)

:: Sally Step Ladder Shelf, £310, Perch & Barrow (kitchenware stylist's own; www.perchandparrow.com)

LOVE YOUR LIVING ROOM

This is the place that needs to work extra hard, especially if you want to keep it clutter-free, as it's where we relax, watch TV, entertain - and display all those precious family photos, paintings, books and pretty knick-knacks.

Back in vogue, a dresser or cabinet can not only mask a TV screen when not in use (and unsightly cables), but provide extra storage space for possessions you can't bear to part with.



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Another must-have, a butler's tray (with a removable tray) is a modern yet timeless way to serve cocktails, canapes or a TV supper, and with a wide table top it can double up as a sideboard.

And if you're not sure where to store those glossy magazines, winter throws and small soft furnishings, a footstool with hidden storage, covered in a favourite fabric, could become a key feature (it'll also come in handy for putting your feet up after all this tidying!).

:: Farlov Footstool with Storage £145, Ikea (in store from mid-February; www.ikea.com)

:: Henley 5ft Media Dresser, £3,190, Neptune (www.neptune.com)

:: Oak Butlers Tray - Hambledon, £195 Store (www.aplaceforeverything.co.uk)

BEDROOM BLISS

Taking time to create a clutter-free boudoir, with the focus on a few crucial items - like crisp bed linen, a tidy dressing table, fresh flowers and a radio instead of a TV - will look AND feel relaxing, and



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therefore help you get a decent night's sleep, too.

An untidy wardrobe, strewn with clothes that should have gone to the charity shop years ago, might mean you start the day with unnecessary stress as well. But with a little thought, you can make the most of your accessories, while hiding more mundane items behind closet doors.

Your colour scheme could add a sense of calm, too.

"Cool tones of soft greys and neutral light-grain wood are key bedroom colour palettes this year. Our stunning new colour combinations, such as cashmere, stone and satin white, also work with this trend perfectly to create a tranquil space," says Rachael Hutcheson, design expert at Sharps.

Along with calming those wardrobe woes with fit-

ted units, an ottoman bed means heaps more storage to stow things away, without taking up extra space in the room.

"There's nothing more tranquil than a bedroom with a place for everything," says Willow & Hall founder, Sarah Massouh. "When considering an ottoman bed, it's important to give some thought to the size that will work best for you, according to your needs and storage expectations."

:: Sharps Element in Light Driftwood, inspired by minimalist Nordic style, fully fitted bedrooms start from £2,000, including design, manufacture, delivery and installation (www.sharps.co.uk)

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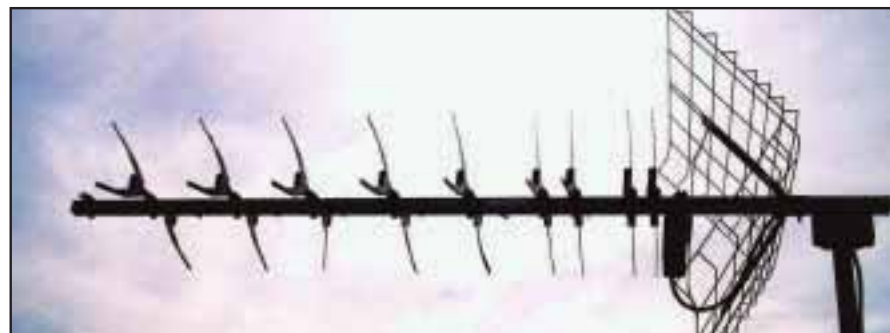
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Charged with propelling 35kg less weight thanks in part to sophisticated new body architecture, the more powerful 354PS TFSI promises 5.4-second 0-62mph pace in the quattro all-wheel-driven figurehead without ruling out real world fuel efficiency.

The new 3.0-litre TFSI is the successor to the unit first used by the S4 and S5 performance flagships, and replaces its super-charger with a new twin-scroll turbocharger located within the 90-degree V of the cylinder banks that delivers even keener and stronger response. This is evident not only in the healthy 354PS power peak but also in the 500Nm of torque which remains available from 1,370rpm right through to 4,500rpm.

Thanks to super-efficient new Audi-developed combustion technology based on the so-called 'B cycle' process the advanced new six-cylinder is also able to deliver up to 34mpg according to the NEDC test, equating to CO2 output of 189 grams per km with the standard 20-inch '5 twin-spoke star' alloy wheels on board. The engine's 14kg weight advantage over its predecessor also works in favour of overall efficiency.

An eight-speed tiptronic transmission complements the powerful yet impressively linear

delivery of the V6 with inherently smooth yet fittingly sporting shifts. The lower gears feature short ratios, while the upper gears are long in the interest of fuel conservation. If required the transmission can freewheel as soon as the driver lifts off the accelerator at speeds of between 34mph and 99mph for even greater fuel efficiency.

Being both a Q5 and a member of the Audi 'S' series, the SQ5 is naturally quattro all-wheel-drive-equipped. During normal driving, the system distributes power with a slight rear-axle bias, but when necessary it can divert the majority to whichever axle has better traction. It is backed up by wheel-selective torque control, which slightly brakes the inside wheels during faster cornering to tuck the SQ5 into the bend, and then helps to prolong handling neutrality and precision once the car is committed.

For even greater adjustability and agility a sport differential is also available on the options

list. It actively distributes torque between the rear wheels via two superposition stages, helping to literally push the car into bends and to contain understeer. Its management is integrated into the Audi drive select

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Evo-Stik South Premier - att: 412
HAVING been relegated to the substitute's bench following last week's drubbing at Leamington, Yeovil Town loanee Ollie Bassett was the catalyst for manager Craig Laird's first victory since taking over on New Year's Day.

He replaced Gary Bowles, who returned for his fourth spell at the club last Monday to bolster a defence recovering from the loss of the experienced Mark Jermyn, Jake Smeeton and Chris Dillon. But Bowles was stretched off with a suspected broken ankle following a collision with Blues' striker Vences Bola after 36 minutes.

Up until that point it had been a scrappy, tetchy encounter, not improved by the constant whistle of referee Iain Parsons who blew for every minor foul imaginable.

Laird took his place in the stand for a different view of his charges after losing the last six of the seven he has been in charge since arriving at The Avenue, but there wasn't a lot to see from either team.

The only point of real goal-mouth excitement came in the 16th minute when a visiting defender got to a Jason Brookes cross a fraction before keeper Jack Smith, deflecting the ball over his head, but fortunately it fell free and was hacked away.

Laird returned to the touchline following Bowles' injury, and in the first minute of added time, Lewis Powell fed Frankie Clarke, but his shot from the edge of the penalty area went straight at Smith.

However, the home crowd were lifted just seconds later when Bassett dispossessed Adem Pepra before moving forward and unleashing a swerving 25-yard shot that curled inside the post.

Dunstable, who had let a three goal lead slip at Weymouth on

Tuesday, came out with more purpose at the start of the second half and soon threatened.

Kelvin Bossman looked certain to have equalised after just three minutes of the restart but Matt Oldring blocked his six-yard shot, before keeper Shane Murphy almost gifted the Blues a goal when he missed his punch from a free kick.

Nathan Walker managed to head Bossman's goalbound header up in the air before Murphy recovered to grab the ball.

Bossman then fired his third effort beyond the far post after the impressive Danny Talbot had pulled the ball back.

Just after the hour they went closest to equalising when Bola almost broke the crossbar with a thunderous shot that hit the underside of the frame and bounced down and out. When the ball was recycled Talbot's volley saw Murphy redeem himself with a brilliant reflex save.

Shaken but now stirred, the Magpies began to pick up their game from this point.

Laird brought on fresh legs, replacing Powell with Ben Wood and soon after giving Ollie Mehew his home debut in place of Tom Blair.

Jordan Williams had a great chance to double the advantage when Bassett and Clarke combined resulting in a great ball inside the full back. However the youngster hesitated too long and Smith closed him down.

A similar situation almost immediately at the other end with the same result; Talbot put Bola through but Murphy rushed off his line to snuff out the danger.

Dunstable pushed men forward to try and save the game, but the Magpies defence held firm and used the counter attack to exploit the spaces left behind.

Bassett was in his element now and after firing in another 30-yard effort straight at Smith he

teased the Blues defence. Although his first ball to prise open the overworked visiting defence was just too long for Williams to catch, his next four minutes into the seven added, sealed victory.

Jon Vance fed Clarke wide on the halfway line who turned it inside to the unmarked Bassett.

He picked out the run of Mehew and the debutant loanee neatly flicked the ball over the foot of the covering Gedeon Okita before slipping it past the onrushing Smith.

The relief from players, management and supporters at the final whistle was plain to see, and will hopefully give the club the lift they need to move away from the relegation area.

Frustration
for Blues

PORTLAND United were left frustrated after they were left kicking their heels following the postponement of two games last week.

Although the fog rolled in along Lyme Bay last Wednesday evening making it difficult to see, it was the heavy rain earlier in the day that caused the home match against Team Solent to be called off mid-afternoon following a pitch inspection at The Grove.

There was further frustration on Saturday morning when Amesbury United were unable to raise a team.

As a result, the Blues slip to fourth in the Sydenham Wessex Premier League following Sholing's 3-0 victory over Hordeam saw them move a point ahead, although having played two games more.

Team Solent didn't appear to benefit from the midweek postponement as they were well beaten 5-1 by second placed Blackfield & Langley who now lead Portland by four points, but

again have played two games more.

Leaders Moneyfields continue their quest for the championship by winning 2-1 against Brockenhurst.

Portland will hope that they can get back to business when they hosted bottom side Verwood Town last night (Tuesday) before a trip to another of the struggling sides Whitchurch United on Saturday.

Defender Sam Buckler has moved to Christchurch to get game-time as he recovers from a broken leg whilst playing with Bridport a year ago.

Portland manager Gary Bailey has confirmed that he has been transferred to the Division One side until the transfer deadline at the end of March when a decision will be made whether he stays until the end of the season or is required for the final push at The Grove.

Buckler did make his first competitive appearance for the Blues just before Christmas, but needs higher level football than the Dorset Senior League to return to full fitness.

DORSET PREMIER

A DAN Andrews goal earned Leaders Balti Sports a point in a 1-1 draw in their visit to Mere Town. Holt United gained ground in second place after hammering Parley Sports 7-0.

Current top scorers;

26 - Dan Andrews (Balti Sports).
20 - Graham Rose (Swanage).
19 - Josh Hunter (Bridport Res).
19 - Nathan Saxby (Holt Utd).
19 - Ricki Lane (Balti Sports).

DORSET LEAGUE

Senior Division

LIAM Cullen scored a hat trick for league leaders Witchampton as they won 6-1 at Boscombe Polonia. Also on the score sheet for Witches were Jon Hayter, Gavin Wayman and Dave Perry.

Second placed Dorchester Sports won 2-0 at home to Allendale with Jamie West getting both of their goals.

Portland Utd Reserves came home from Wincanton Town Reserves clutching all three points after a 3-2 victory.

Jack Mitchell scored the only goal as Shaftesbury beat hosts Piddletrenthide Utd while Corfe Mullen Utd and Westlands ended honours even after a six-goal thriller.

Division One

DAN King and Connor Wright scored for Canford Utd as they won 2-1 at Balti Reserves.

Portland Town won 3-2 away at Weymouth A with goals from Alex Counter, Louis Dolan and Colin Upfold. Derek Wall and Jack Wills scored for Weymouth.

Parley Sports Reserves beat visitors Portland Utd Youth 2-1.

Division Two

MAIDEN Newton took all three points from their visitors Stalbridge winning 3-1 with Craig Hewitt, Billy Greenway and Kyle Hargreaves all on the score sheet.

Broadmayne won 2-1 away at Milborne Port Reserves. Overmoigne and Portesham Utd played out a 0-0 draw.

Division Four

LEAGUE leaders Swanage RBL moved 10 points clear at the top following their 7-3 home win against Wool & Winfrith A. Brandon Ritchie and Jack Hamilton both scored a brace along with one apiece for Ryan White, Chase Burnett and Richie Sawyer.

Chickerell Utd A won 5-3 at home to Lytchett & Upton Red Triangle. Matt Stickland (3), Harry Doyle and Neil Dewey were Chickerell's marksmen.

Corfe Castle Reserves won 4-0 away at Portland Town B while Wincanton Town A went down 2-1 against visitors Portesham Utd Reserves.

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	32	76
Blackfield & Langley	31	66
Sholing	31	64
PORTLAND UTD	29	62
AFC Portchester	31	53
Alresford Town	27	49
Team Solent	27	47
Wincanton Res	28	44
Brockhurst	30	42
Lynton Town	30	41
Newport IOW	30	40
Andover Town	30	39
Benemore Heath Harlequins	28	37
Amesbury Town	30	35
Hamworthy Utd	33	35
Bashley	30	34
Fareham Town	30	33
Bournemouth	31	28
Cowes Sports	30	26
Whitchurch Utd	30	25
Fawley	33	25
Verwood Town	31	21

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	25	62
Holt Utd	20	52
Swanage & Herston	22	43
Hamworthy Recreation	22	42
DORCHESTER SPORTS	21	41
Westlands Sports	23	40
Gillingham Town Res	21	37
Parley Sports	20	35
Merley Cobham Sports	16	33
Blindfold Utd	23	30
Sturminster Newton Utd	23	26
BRIDPORT RESERVES	24	25
Wareham Rangers	20	21
Mere Town	23	19
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	24	15
Sherborne Town Reserves	23	10
Cranborne	23	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	17	41
DORCHESTER SP RES	14	36
Allendale	18	33
Milborne Port Res	18	31
PORTLAND UTD RES	18	26
Shaftesbury Town Res	11	25
Corfe Mullen Utd	17	23
CHICKERELL UTD	15	20
Poole Borough	19	20
Wincanton Res	19	19
Piddletrenthide Utd	15	16
Boscombe Polonia	14	10
Blindfold Utd Res	17	10
Westlands Sports Res	13	2

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Corfe Castle	16	35
Bradstone	17	35
Canford Utd	18	30
Mere Town Reserves	14	29
AFC Blandford	13	27
Frebury	12	25
Wareham Rangers Res	12	23
Wool & Winfrith	18	20
Parley Sports Res	16	19
BALTI SPORTS RES	17	18
Swanage & Herston Res	13	17
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	16	13
WEYMOUTH A	16	12
PORTLAND TOWN	13	4

Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Allendale Reserves	14	33
Piddletrenthide Utd	16	32
Broadmayne	16	31
WIDEN NEWTON & C	14	31
PORTESHAM UTD	16	22
Overmoigne	16	21
Sturminster Newton Utd Res	14	20
Stalbridge	11	16
CHICKERELL UTD RES	14	11
Bradstone Res	15	8
Milborne Port Res	13	8

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	19	52
Okeford Utd	17	38
Allendale A	20	35
AFC Blandford Res	19	29
Marnhill	17	25
South Cheriton Utd	16	22
Dorchester Utd	16	20
Handley Sports	14	20
Purborne Sports Society	20	18
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	17	17
PORTLAND TOWN A	19	17
Wool & Winfrith Res	15	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	18	44
Corfe Castle Res	16	44
CHICKERELL UTD A	16	32
BRIDPORT A	12	29
PORTLAND TOWN B	17	26
PORTESHAM UTD RES	19	25
Lytchett & Upton RT	17	20
Chickerell Res	14	15
Shillingstone	14	14
Crossways Spitfires	17	10
Wincanton Town A	13	8
Wool & Winfrith A	13	6

Weymouth & District Table Tennis

Park District stumble

BUDMOUTH A put a dent in Park District's Division One title hopes with a 24-16 win over the current table toppers, where Moses Lewis secured a maximum for the loss of only two legs.

Bad luck prevented Budmouth B taking full advantage of Park's slip up but they did close the gap with a 21-11 victory over Colliton X despite only playing with two players after Jamie Blair was taken ill at the last minute. Both Will Joliffe and Will Gear scored maximums (9) and also won the pairs.

YMCA hold fourth spot despite losing to Shipton Gorge A 18-20, and it was a disappointing week for Preston B with Red Triangle beating them 27-9.

Budmouth C secured a 22-19 win at bottom side Springfield B, with young Tom Lydford (9) dominating the evening.

All Saints continue to top Division Two after a 27-11 win over Preston A who with games in hand could have been a threat. Simon Green (5) took the opening match for Preston but the students then took the remaining nine.

Second placed Pilgrims A had a convincing 26-11 victory over Shipton Gorge C

where Paul Beeston and Tim Scott both secured full points for the victors.

Wyke D finally got off the mark, scoring their maiden win of the season in beating Springfield C 22-15. Tony Dobbs led by example by securing a maximum on the night for Wyke.

Colliton C's Andy Ray (5), Katherine Bundy (3) and Mark Whittingham (1) could do little to stop Preston C run out 27-9 winners in a one-sided match at Westfield Arts College.

Springfield D closed the gap at the top of Division Three with a 25-11 win over Preston D, although leaders STEPS have two games in hand.

Third placed Pilgrims B staged an incredible comeback against Wey Valley School to score a 17-16 win. After being 8-15 down after the first seven matches, they secured three wins for the loss of only one leg in the final two singles and the doubles.

Wyke C secured a close 21-16 win over Wey Valley Tennis Centre with a majority of matches going to four or five sets.

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Coasters slay Sharks

Jurassic Coasters 76
Stroud Sharks 52

AFTER taking three points from the Sharks in the reverse fixture the Coasters were looking to double up with home advantage.

◆ MATCH ACTION:
Coasters in control

The hosts were fastest out of the blocks with Pasquale Landolfi being fouled going up to the ring and taking one from the two free throws. A lay up from Landolfi and Derek Marquez quickly followed.

Giuseppe Landolfi made it 7-2 and forced the Stroud Coach to call for a time-out. This made little difference as Marquez took another two baskets and Louis Weaver got his name on the score sheet.

Into the seventh minute and the Sharks to started a comeback with a 15-7 point run. But Bruce Florentino kept the Coasters' noses in front with two from the free throw line taking the quarter 24-21.

The second quarter was dominated by the Coasters with Weaver, P Landolfi and Marquez running riot around the visitors' basket. Henry Ackerley took the Coasters last points of the half and with it the end of

the 20-2 run in an amazing show of defensive work.

Into the third and the hosts were first to the ring but the Sharks fought back with a brace of baskets. The teams went on to trade baskets and were only separated by a Kieron Scott jump shot which took the quarter for the Coasters 14-12.

The final period saw the hosts make an early 8-2 charge in the first three minutes. Eoin Goring was working hard for the rebounds and finding the fast breaks.

By now it was too late for the visitors but they kept fighting winning a couple of fouls late on. The final basket came from Brad Morgan who wrapped up the period for the Coasters 18-15.

Scores; Pasquale Landolfi 25, Louis Weaver 20, Derek Marquez 16, Giuseppe Landolfi 5, Bruce Florentino 4, Bradley Morgan 2, Kieron Scott 2, Henry Ackerley 2, Elliott Kellers, James Cotson, Eoin Goring.

Rugby

Slumbering
SeasidersWeymouth & Portland 24
Sherborne 2nd 10

A MINUTE'S silence was observed before the kick off on Saturday in memory of former Weymouth & Portland captain Julian Quick aged 28, who sadly passed away two weeks ago following a long battle with cancer.

The number 8 shirt that Julian wore will now be retired following his passing. Perhaps it was the poignancy of the occasion but the Seasiders started the game almost in a trance as passes were dropped, or missed their target completely, and it came as no surprise in the 24th minute that the visitors, who prop up the Dorset & Wilts Division One South, opened the scoring with a try.

As Sherborne took the conversion manager Vaughan Carter could be heard imploring his charges to get focused and sort themselves out or changes would be made. It appeared to work because two minutes later they drew level through wing James Davis who touched down in the corner, with Bryn Llewellyn adding the extras.

Four minutes later Davis again outpaced the Sherborne defence and crossed to bank his second touchdown of the afternoon.

After the break the visitors upped their game and had Weymouth & Portland scrambling inside their own half for long periods, but on 49 minutes a long pass from his brother Ryan, saw full back Chris Lewendon claim possession and touchdown for a try with Llewellyn converting.

Further pressure from the visitors had Weymouth rocking on their heels, but they held firm and with 66 minutes on the watch, Lewendon senior crossed over in the corner.

Sherborne grabbed a late consolation try but it was too late to affect the result.

After the final whistle head coach Paul Harding said: "It was a disjointed scrappy first half hour. Whether the preceding events got to the players or it was the fact we were up against a team at the bottom of the league and we expected them to roll over I don't know."

"However when we managed to get the lads focused we improved and getting a four try tally guarantees us a league bonus point."

"We didn't play well, but still managed to win - there is still room to improve."

Dorset & Wilts Div 1(S)	Pld	Pts
Yeovil	16	75
Wimborne II	16	64
Salisbury II	16	63
DORCHESTER	16	55
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	16	46
Bournemouth III	16	42
Okeamians	16	37
Lytchett Minister	16	35
Swanage & W II	16	25
North Dorset II	16	12
East Dorset	16	0
Sherborne II	16	0

Bridport & WD Golf

In-form Thompson receives two-shot cut

THE men's Sunday competition was the February Stableford and once again it was a mild day with little wind. Sixty-one players took part and there were many high scores resulting in a number of handicap reductions.

The top five players in Division One all scored 37 points or more but the best score of the day was awarded by Division Two's top man Michael A Thompson with 43 points. Gary Edwardes was the winner of Division One scoring 41 points and the runner-up there was Steve Crabb with 39. The leader in Division Three was Terry Cleal scoring 38 points.

Results; Division One - 1st Gary Edwardes (10) 41 points, 2nd Steve Crabb (7) 39, 3rd (acb) Kevin Jones (9) 37.

Division Two - 1st Michael A Thompson (14) 43 points, 2nd Dave Howat (17) 38, 3rd Jon Lagg-Bagg (13) 36.

Division Three - 1st Terry Cleal (19) 38 points, 2nd (acb) Dave Boggis (21) 37, 3rd Mark McMaster (22) 37. (Thompson had his handicap cut by two shots, Crabb, Edwardes, Howat and Cleal were cut by one shot).

Forty nine veterans enjoyed a fine day for their Thursday competition the fourth and final round of the Winter Shield. Scoring was good and four players hit the 40 point mark.

Best score of the day came from Ian Thacker (14) in Division One with 41 points. Then came Alan Richard Lomax (12) and Jimmy Gdadebo (11) both with 40 points with Lomax taking the runner-up place after count-back. In fourth place after count-back was Malcolm Noble (18) with 37.

Alan Bentley (24) took the honours in Division Two with 40 points. Dave Cole (27) came second scoring 39 while Dave Boggis (21) was third with 38 and Brian Osborne (24) fourth with 34. Thacker's handicap was cut by one stroke.

This was the conclusion of the Winter Shield and the overall winner was Jimmy Gdadebo with 111 points (total of best two scores). Runners-up were Marcus Beresford & Richard Parry both with 110 points.

The winner of the Bob Dennis Trophy (eclectic over nine holes, over 70s to qualify) veterans' captain Dave Buckland with a nett 28.

Lyme Regis Golf

Brilliant Beardwood

The next round of the WINTER LEAGUE saw a keen turnout as early starters jostled for positions, however the early leaders did not know what was in store.

Junior Dominic Beardwood has seen his handicap steadily drop to nine at the start of the year. His scoring in Sunday's competition was remarkable as he carded 11 pars, four birdies and three bogeys in his 1 under gross par round.

His stableford score of 46 points was one of the best recorded rounds in recent years and was of course good enough to win Sunday's League.

Spare a thought for Keith Gibson, who, playing off six, came in with a wonderful 40 points to find he was second by six shots!

The leader in the clubhouse for much of the time was Arthur Daines whose aggressive back nine of 21 points earned him third slot with 39 points.

The Ladies played their annual Captain vs Vice-captain friendly foursome's competition. This year it was vice captain Susan Moore's team who triumphed over captain Gilly Madill's.

In the first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes Jenny Scott and Rosie Jackman travelled to Cricket St Thomas and emerged victorious 3&1.



◆ TOP FORM: Dominic Beardwood

Bees news

Ressies out of luck in home loss

Bridport Res 0 Mere Town 1
Dorset Premier League

MANAGER Shaun Annetts was disappointed his side didn't get a point after a first half performance that with luck would have seen them home and dry at the break.

However, they were left to rue a poor second half showing that saw the visitors win the game with just their second goal attempt 10 minutes from time.

Despite missing leading goal scorer Josh Hunter, the Bees were optimistic after recent performances.

However, injuries to three players including captain Dan Peart, striking the woodwork twice, and having a shot cleared off the line, changed that mindset.

The first injury saw Niall Jefford replaced with a hamstring injury after 10 minutes, followed by Peart with the same problem 15 minutes later.

Then five minutes before the interval, Henry Davy had to be replaced with suspected shin splints.

In between the forced substitutions Ali Kamara struck the foot of the post during a goalmouth scramble before seeing his header beat the keeper only to be headed off the line.

Then Sam Handyside's free kick

from wide crashed against the crossbar before bouncing to safety.

There appeared to be one piece of luck for Bridport just before the break when Callum Frampton was booked and then sent off by referee Cihan Gecmez after he disagreed with a decision.

A man to the good, Annetts warned his charges at half time about not getting themselves in trouble with the referee, but within 10 minutes of the restart they were also reduced to 10 when Kamara was adjudged to have used his elbow whilst shielding the ball near the touchline.

The second half was fairly even with neither side really threatening although keeper Kieron Park was forced into a flying save.

Then Mere snatched all three points 10 minutes from the end when Stuart Frear hit a stinging volley that took a deflection and although Park managed to get a hand to it, the ball crept inside the post.

Despite a storming finish that created a couple of half chances the Bees failed to fashion an equaliser.

Despite the loss Annetts found some encouraging signs: "We defended well in the first half, better than in previous weeks and were

also unlucky with our goal opportunities.

"The second half was most disappointing. We huffed and puffed and didn't create enough chances and paid the price - I definitely felt we should have got a point at least."

Both sides thought the red cards were harsh on both players and that at worst warranted no more than yellows.

One pleasing outcome was the performance of 16-year-old Robbie Bagg who replaced Peart.

Annetts said: "Bagg looked very accomplished and comfortable at right back. He defended and used the ball well, and is one for the future."

Bees pick up where they left off
Bridport A 5 Marnhull Res 0

DESPITE a five week break due to frozen or waterlogged pitches and no allocated fixture, Bridport A picked up where they left off in mid-January when they walloped Lychett and Upton Red Triangle 7-0, by demolishing Marnhull Reserves at St Mary's Playing Fields.

Right from the first whistle the home team looked the title contenders they hope to be, whilst the visitors, having taken one look at

the young Bridport lads, thought strong-arm tactics were the order of the day.

However, it was the young Bees that had the last laugh with some good attacking football.

After a superb flowing move Brandon Scadding supplied the cross for brother Jaydon to volley home the opener.

Marnhull did have their share of good chances in the opening 20 minutes, but Jordan Scadding in the home goal pulled off a string of fine saves including a number of one-on-ones, before Bridport started to take control of the game.

Dom McAllister, rolling back the years playing alongside the young Bees and influential brother Kieran in the middle, scored twice before the break to give the hosts a 3-0 lead.

The second half saw Bridport step up another gear and Dom McAllister took his total to four with a free kick and a sublime one-on-one lob over the stranded keeper.

This Saturday Bridport entertain league leaders Swanage RBL in what could decide the title. The visitors are 15 points better off than the Bees, but have played six more games.

Beaminster Under 16s complete league and cup double



◆ DOUBLE UP: Beaminster Under 16s pictured after winning the West Dorset Cup

Beaminster U16 40-3 beat Bere Regis 39 all out

BEAMINSTER Cricket Club U16s indoor cricket team produced a ruthless display in the final of the West Dorset Cup as they beat Bere Regis by three wickets at Portland on Saturday.

Having beaten Martinstown in their semi final, Beaminster inserted Bere Regis having won the toss, and were exceptional in the field as they dismissed the opposition for 39 in just six overs.

Fergus Rees took two wickets, with Will Moss picking up one. Lewis Keenan executed a direct hit run out and Adam Moss wrapped up the innings with two wickets in consecutive balls in his first over.

Beaminster reached their target in the fifth over. Keenan was anchored the chase with 10 not out while Rees hit 20 runs in three balls.

The result means Beaminster completed the double after winning the league in January.

Dorch Snooker

Shakey hit for Six

RESULTS; Colliton XQ 2016 6 WDC YMFMT 1, WDC Team Shakey 3 West Dorset Club A 6, Colliton Hopefuls 4 Purbeck Potters 4.

Top Breaks; M Woodroffe 41; E Wellman 36; Bartlett 31.

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Open Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M - Monday, March 27th at Trinity Club.

Team Handicap Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M - Monday, March 30th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged League matches; Trinity M v Colliton XQ2016 (March 2nd), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (March 13th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (March 15th), Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shakey (March 20th), WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M March 22nd, WDC YMFMT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains), WDC YMFMT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2.

Table (wk 16)	Pld	Pts
W Dorset Club A.....	14	64
Colliton XQ2016.....	15	62
Colliton Hopefuls.....	14	59
WDC Team Shakey.....	15	54
Purbeck Potters.....	15	53
Trinity M.....	15	52
WDC YMFMT.....	14	47
WDC Whipping B.....	14	25

Lyme Cribbage

RESULTS (Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels 1 Talbot Arms 4, Stepps 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 4, Ship Inn LR 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 3.

Beer League; Charlie's Angels 0 Talbot Arms 3, Stepps 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn LR 1 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 27th); Losers Cup Final - Charlie's Angels v New Inn Kilm A (at New Inn Kilm).

KO Cup semi-finals and final (at Dolphin, Beer, 7.30pm start); teams - Nags Head, Dolphin, Ship Inn LR, New Inn Kilm B.

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms.....	18	54
Nags Head, LR.....	17	51
Ship Inn, LR.....	18	48
New Inn Kilm A.....	17	45
Ax Con Club.....	17	44
Lamb Swans.....	18	44
Talbot Arms.....	17	42
Dolphin, Beer.....	17	41
Charlie's Angels.....	17	40
Stepps.....	17	38
New Inn Kilm B.....	17	28

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR.....	17	32
Lamb Swans.....	18	29
Stepps.....	17	29
New Inn Kilm B.....	17	28
Charlie's Angels.....	17	26
Gerrard Arms.....	18	26
Ax Con Club.....	17	25
Talbot Arms.....	17	24
Dolphin, Beer.....	17	22
Ship Inn, LR.....	18	22
New Inn Kilm A.....	17	22

Motor Sport

Rose blossoms with class win on debut

THE 2017 car trials season in Dorset got underway recently at Hogcliff Farm with the Woolbridge Motor Club's South Dorset Trophy Trial when 26 competitors faced a total of 24 sections.

The first class into action catered for both front and rear wheel drive cars not carrying ballast.

Peugeot 106 pilot Jez Searle added another class win to his success in December's Autotechnics Trial in his 1124cc machine with a comfortable win over the Citroen Saxo driven by Bob North.

The Peugeot man was quick out of the blocks and had amassed a 14-point lead over Dave Atkins (Citroen Saxo) after the first round of six tests.

Atkins was under pressure from both Gary Morris (Vauxhall Corsa) and North who were respectively just one and two points in arrears.

The odd point dropped by Morris and Atkins enabled North to move clear of the former by five points at the conclusion of the event, although he trailed Searle by 21 points.

The front wheel drive division (with ballast) provided fiercer competition with four drivers, all driving

Citroen Saxos, covered by just five points after an intense battle.

Vic Rose stole an early advantage cleaning out of the six tests and just failing to do so on another two occasions therefore gained two penalty marks. Upwey's Phil Gabe, sharing the Saxo with Rose, slotted into second place having lost four points whilst fellow Saxo pilots Will Lawrence and Ben Chazal shadowed the leaders a further two and four points adrift.

At the halfway mark Rose maintained his two point advantage over Lawrence but now Shawn Franklin had slotted into third place a brace of points in arrears of the second placed man and just one point ahead of Chazal.

The first round of tests after the lunchbreak proved costly for Rose in his debut with a new car.

His advantage nullified by Lawrence to see the two Saxo adversaries commence the final round level on points but three up on Franklin.

The leading duo both dropped a point on the second test of the last round to retain the status quo but as the pressure



◆ INCLINE: Mark Hoppé in his Dutton Melos Photo by STAFFORD ASSOCIATES

mounted the penultimate section of the day decided the battle with Lawrence gaining three penalty points against the two of Rose.

Therefore Rose claimed the class by a single point but was pronounced the winner of the event overall once a performance index had been applied to the scores of all the competitors.

This elevation to the premier award gave the class victory to Will Lawrence but only after a tie-decider was implemented to split him and Franklin who had finished on identical penalties.

Chazal claimed third in class four points down on

Lawrence/Franklin.

The battle for class honours aside, there were more trophies winners in the ballasted front wheel drive division with Jaxson Marsh claiming the Novice award in the Citroen AX which the club has available for young drivers to experience the sport of trialling and the same car was driven by Sophie Franklin to claim the award for the Best Performance by a Junior driver.

Maiden Newton's Sarah Kirby won the Ladies class in the Citroen Saxo which she shares with her father. The Rear Wheel Drive class (for vehicles which were not included in class one) saw Sherborne's Mark

Hoppé take an uncontested win in his Dutton Melos building a winning margin of 31 points over John York in his venerable MG Midget.

The final category catered for non-production cars with the Ford Special campaigned father and son pairing Colin and Gavin Cheffey. Youth favouring Gavin in the results with a win by six points.

The local drivers of the Woolbridge club are now preparing to battle against the best trials drivers in the country when the club promotes the first round of the 2017 British Championships at a venue near Crewkerne.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 18th.

Ladies: Hot Gossips 329 (+BL) Rollercoasters 266, La Crème (+BL) bWild Pins (Game given), Wootton Wobblers 304 (+BL) Generations 271, Skitto's 297 (+BL) Smashers 310.

Men's: Wreckers 320 Marksmen 357 (+BL), Roadrunners 341 Alleytwits 319 (+BL), Miscellaneous 333 (+BL) President's Men 324, Clueless 340 (+BL) Trappers 327, Anthill Mob 345 (+BL) No Hoppers 324, Young Guns 364 (+BL) Rousdon Rebels 341, British Legion 330 Tornadoes 323 (+BL).

Upcoming cup fixtures

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	.....11	20	14
No Hoppers	.....11	20	14
Flyers	.....12	16	4
Trappers	.....11	10	10
Young Guns	.....10	8	10
Clueless	.....11	8	8
Wreckers	.....11	8	8
Anthill Mob	.....11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	.....12	4	16

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	.....9	13	12
President's Men	.....10	13	8
Miscellaneous	.....9	13	6

Table Tennis

Valuable win for Shipton A

SHIPTON Gorge A secured a tight 20-18 win over YMCA this week to ease their Weymouth & District Table Tennis League Division One relegation fears.

Miranda Edwardes scored a maximum nine points as well as teaming up with Gil Roberts (4) for a 3-0 doubles win to round the evening off. Terry Whitworth also chipped in with four points of his own.

The win over mid-table YMCA sees them widen the gap to 43 points over Colliton X and Springfield B who both lost.

However Shipton Gorge C's attempt to secure a Division Two mid-table place suffered a blow when they were beaten 26-11 away at Pilgrims A.

Tom Baldry (4) got the only singles victory of the night for Shipton and also secured a 3-1 doubles win with partner Trevor Deadman-Spall (2).

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	.....13	25
Well Hung Clocks	.....13	18
BSC	.....13	18
Nomads	.....14	18
Five Sticky Fingers	.....14	16
Hands of Time	.....14	14
Noth'n But Treble	.....13	10
Les Miserables	.....14	7
Nags Head A	.....13	6
Rubber Johns	.....13	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	14	22
Odds or Us	14	20
Young Darters	14	20
One for the Vikings	14	19
Respect-de-Bull	14	18
Elders	14	16
Otter Rotters	14	7
Anchor Five	14	7
Dat Team	14	6
No Direction	14	5

180s; Ashley Parker & Stuart

Alner both 4, Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker, Simon Moye & Dan Rawlings all 2. 12 players x1.

Tonight (Wednesday) Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers - bye.
Friday, February 24th Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hoppers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Alleytwits.

Monday, February 27th Cawston All Cup QF La Crème v Wootton Wobblers (at The George)
Friday, March 3rd Cawston All Cup QF No Hoppers v Marksmen (at The Pilot Boat), Anthill Mob v President's Men (Wootton Club), Roadrunners v Flyers (The George)

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skitto's	.....11	18	16
Wootton Wobb	.....11	16	19
Rollercoasters	.....11	11	14
Smashers	.....11	11	8
Hot Gossips	.....9	10	10
Wild Pins	.....9	8	7
Generations	.....10	4	4
La Crème	.....10	4	4

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks go close to causing upset

West Dorset Hawks 3 Plymouth University A 4

WEST Dorset Hawks came within minutes of causing a huge upset in the Davis Wood League Southern Two as they led league leaders Plymouth University A with five minutes remaining, but with ageing legs starting to tire against the young students who employed a full set of substitutes, it was very much an Alamo scenario.

Without captain Rick Steele and Gavin Brooking, both injured, Hawks should have had pre-warning of what to expect having been beaten the previous week by the students of Camborne School of Mines, and as a result they changed their formation to try and counter their speed by packing the midfield and forcing the students to play down the wings.

It seemed to have the desired effect, and the hosts took the lead inside five minutes when they won a short corner from which Alex Davies converted. Uni became agitated and were soon in trouble with referees Dave Foot and Brooking and a player was sent to the sin bin.

The Hawks seized the opportunity and extended their lead midway through the half when Simon Wakely found lone striker Davies who did the rest, taking it around the sweeper before smashing home his shot.

Back to full strength, Plymouth began to take control but could not breach the home defence before half time, during which arguments - and some fisticuffs - were observed between the visitors!

The stoppage seemed to break the Hawks' rhythm as the game became feistier. Good-fellow was carded during which time Plymouth pulled a goal back from a short corner.

It was almost one-way traffic now but West Dorset struck again when Davies was on hand to complete a hat trick after Dan

Wyatt's shot from a short corner had rebounded off the keeper.

Despite a 3-1 lead, the cracks were beginning to show in the last quarter as the Hawks were finding difficulty repelling the opposition, and inevitably they pulled one back from a short corner, and then with the excellent Jim Bowditch sidelined for an offence, a Uni striker showed excellent skills in the D to draw level.

The winner came in the dying seconds when stand-in skipper Russell Coombs had no option to block off a certain goal, resulting in a fourth Hawk being sin binned. Hawks desperately defended the resultant free hit but, after pinballing around the D, a visiting stick turned it goalwards and it heartbreakingly dribbled over line.

Coombs said: "It was heartbreaking to lose it in the final seconds, but we can take heart from a gutsy performance. However fair play to Plymouth who are a very fit and talented side. They put us under relentless pressure in the second half. West Dorset travel to Bude on Saturday."

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	.....17	43
Chard	.....16	40
Penzance	.....17	39
Camborne School of Mines	.....16	32
Bude	.....16	31
WEST DORSET	.....17	21
Caradon	.....16	20
PGSOB A	.....17	19
Bridgwater A	.....17	19
ECV Hornets	.....17	15
Taunton Vale C	.....17	7
Devonport Services	.....17	3

Tivvy hand out a tonking

Tiverton 8 West Dorset A 1

WEST Dorset A were given a hammering by Tiverton team who are in a two-horse race

to be crowned league champions.

Another selection headache saw the Hawks travel with only nine recognised squad players, and were assisted by talented 14-year-old Albert Steele.

The Hawks got off to a flyer when Krystian Dubas set Matt Stones clear inside the first three minutes and he calmly slotted the ball past the onrushing keeper.

The Hawks kept pressing with the tireless midfield of Dubas, Rick Steele, Ed Calvert and Richard Wilson, but eventually the hosts scored their 100th goal of the season.

The floodgates then opened and Tivvy added four more before the break.

The second half started well for the visitors, who kept Tiverton at bay for 20 minutes before they conceded a further three goals before the final whistle.

Despite the score line, the Hawks made a game of it but ultimately the extra class and extra man came up trumps.

Skipper Alex Drew said: "We can't be disappointed in the circumstances. It was inconceivable that we would take the lead against a team who in their 12 leagues games prior to this had scored 99 and only conceded seven."

The Hawks welcome Chard A on Saturday. Team: Alex Drew (c), Krystian Dubas, Bruce Maltby, Ollie Gargrave, Richard Wilson, Mike Harvey, Rick Steele, Ed Calvert, Matt Stones, Albert Steele.

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	.....14	39
Tiverton	.....13	37
Chard A	.....13	27
Chard B	.....13	24
WEST DORSET A	.....13	17
Taunton Vale D	.....15	16
Minehead B	.....15	15
Dart A	.....15	13
East Devon C	.....14	12
ECV Hornets B	.....15	3*

Indoor Bowls

Daters through to national area final

BRIDPORT & West Dorset Club's Pamela Daters has reached the area final of the National Ladies Championship after beating Barbara Lacey of Dorchester 21-15 in the semi-final.

Daters will now play either Sue Evans or Sadie Lloyd, both from Taunton Deane, in order to progress to the final stages to be held at Melton & District on the weekend of March 31st and April 1st.

Meanwhile, she was also part of the Ladies A team that had a great win over second placed Bournemouth A in the County League Division One where they took the maximum eight points.

Francis Hewett, Millie Meech, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick won 17-13, whilst Daters, Lyn Craddock, Margaret Pestelle & Sue Walsh scored a three count on the final end to secure a 20-16 victory.

Bournemouth had their revenge in the County Knock-Out Cup winning by three shots overall.

Bridport's Mixed Friendly side managed to snatch 75-76 defeat from the jaws of victory in their match against Severalls where they were 11 shots up with three ends left!

Sharon Heath, Brian Parker, Gerry Moss & Derek Earwood had a superb 28-7 win, whilst Bernard Perry, Penny Pither, Robin Pither &

Mike Fletcher were heroes and villains. From 20-9 up they dropped seven shots over the last three ends but won 20-16.

Chris Thorner, Les Heath, Erica Sarson & Brian Pratt also finished poorly dropping 2, 2, 4 counts to lose 15-30, and Sylvia Fletcher, Brian Suffling, Kevin Rendell & David Jenkin lost 12-23.

Bridport's Sandra and Mel Hargett and Lyn & Peter Sandall came back smiling from their short break at Potters Resort, winning the trophy for the week's top team.

Moonfleet B 48 East Dorset B 36

WITH one home and one away rink, Moonfleet took on East Dorset B in the first round match of the Dorset inter-club Knockout competition.

The home rink of Pam Hayward, Mary Corben, Sue Paull & skip Trixie Dempsey had a close start and were one shot ahead 8-7 after seven ends against the East Dorset rink with skip B Doling.

This close contest continued during the middle part of the game and by halfway Moonfleet were still just ahead 16-14.

But they dominated over the final nine ends and, winning six of these, added 10 shots to East Dorset's four to finish with a comfortable 26-18 victory.

At East Dorset the Moonfleet rink of Mary Dunne, Ruby Spavins, Judy Why & skip Jill Gwilliam moved into an early lead against the home rink with skip Maria Glynn and they kept ahead until the 12th end when the home rink bagged a six-shot haul to take the lead 14-11.

The Moonfleet quartet kept their nerve and increased the pressure to level the score at 15-15 by end 16.

The final five ends belonged to the Moonfleet Ladies and, with the help of four shots on the penultimate end, they claimed a 22-18 victory and an overall 48-36 total to take them into the next round.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Mens Pairs - R3

Tonight (Wednesday)
TIGER - J Peach & D Langridge; M Huxter & N Gurd; C Willcox & N Willcox; M Hooper & J Symes; R Pincombe & I Pincombe; T Cleal & A Way; M Powell & S Lee; S Gale & L Farnham.

Ladies Pairs - R1 (no byes)

Thursday, February 23rd
ILCHESTER - S Newman & G Legg; M Hansford & B Crandon; H Doble & M Paultley; J Cake & M Dare; K Symes & S Luter; S Tompkins & J Parsons; J Brooks & M Brooks; C Huxter & R Chubb; K Tuck & J Symes.

Ladies Threes Final

Tuesday, February 28th
WEST DORSET CLUB - Yondover Three; Middle Talent; Alleycats; Snaps.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipaced	.....12	23
Rockets	.....14	20
Rejects	.....14	17
Denhay	.....14	16
Masters	.....12	13
Nelson Nobblers	.....12	12
Rough Eight	.....14	12
Wanderers	.....12	12
Broad Oak	.....14	10
Slingers	.....13	9
U Know the Blokes	.....13	8
Lively Lads	.....14	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	.....13	18
The Dingles	.....13	17
Countrymen	.....13	14
Originals	.....12	14
Survivors	.....13	14
Outsiders	.....13	13
Bangers	.....13	12
Lost in Time	.....12	12
Castouts	.....13	10
Dingbats	.....11	10
Aussies Lot	.....12	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerrytrics	.....14	24
NBC	.....13	20
Pioneers	.....14	20
LHS	.....14	18
Wickers	.....13	18
Whiskey Chasers	.....13	14
Unknowns	.....14	12
Stingers	.....14	11
Brandy Snaps	.....13	8
Groundhogs	.....13	8
Yo Yo's	.....14	7

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	.....14	28
Strawpeedoes	.....12	20
BFC	.....13	20
Alleycats	.....14	18
Featherbeds	.....13	18
Hidden Talent	.....12	10
Let em Roll	.....12	10
Firebirds	.....13	8
Offcuts	.....12	6
Pinbashers	.....11	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	.....11	27
Wozo's Warriors	.....9	24
Smack the Rack	.....11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	.....10	19
Old Cobbies	.....11	13
Drunken Sailors	.....10	13
Nags Head Trotters	.....10	12
Real Talbot	.....11	6
Ranger & Friends	.....9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	.....13	26
Nags Head A	.....10	20
Clockadoodledoo	.....12	16
Nags Z	.....12	15
Rock Point A	.....10	14
Hunters Lodge	.....11	12
Royal Standard	.....12	12
Talbot Arms	.....11	8
Four Play	.....11	8
Cobb Arms	.....10	4
Jammers	.....10	4
Half an Octopus	.....12	3
See you Next Thurs	.....10	2

180s: R.Cross 5, T.Prowse & T.Young both 4, T.Bond, D.Herbert & R.Powell all 3, R.Coombe & B.Grainger both 2, 11 players x1.



■ TOP TEAM: Four Bridport bowlers came back from a break at Potters Resort after winning the award for the week's top team (l-r): Mel Hargett, Lyn Sandall, England international Greg Harlow, Sandra Hargett and Peter Sandall.

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sport round-up

Laird looking for more of the same

DORCHESTER Town boss Craig Laird was obviously pleased with his side's first victory since he took charge, and hopes that it will kick start the rest of the season.

Although he appreciates one swallow doesn't make a summer he believes they are finally turning a corner and that their destiny is in their own hands.

"We rode our luck at times, but I think we earned that through our commitment over the whole 90 minutes.

"We had a game plan, we stuck to it, and then were able to make some positive substitutions which allowed us to go on and win the game."

On the way that his charges dug in and battled he said: "They were great! To me that has been one of

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Dorchester's strengths over the years that I have been involved playing against them; perhaps that is something that has been missing recently.

"We have had to change our mindset. Now it is not to lose games and try to grind out results, and I know it's horrible to watch but we have to get secure our position in this league, then we can build for next year.

"Hopefully we can still play in an attractive style that people like to watch, but mixed in with that hard work and aggression. I don't think that we have done those ugly jobs well since I have been here, until this game."

Laird agreed that Ollie Basset had produced a good performance after coming off the subs bench to score the first goal and set up the second.

"He reacted well, exactly as I hoped he would. We told all the loanee's this week that whilst they are at here they have to put a shift in for the club."

"It's not just about doing the pretty bits; it's also about the ugly bits and putting your body on the line sometimes.

"The majority of the games they play in their career will be about keeping your shape and working hard."

Although Basset's goal gave the team a lift just on half time, the Magpies were under a lot of pressure immediately after the break

and could have conceded an equaliser.

Laird said: "We almost conceded due to lack of concentration, and those are the bits we have to get out of our game, but I managed to get them focused again and they dug in and carried that to the end.

"Bringing on fresh legs helped. Ollie Mehew's freshness and pace got him in behind for a good goal and won us the game.

"Using the substitutions wisely is important. You don't have to start a game to win it, you can come on and win it, or like Ollie, ensure we don't concede again.

"I want to build a squad of 16 or 20 where players know what they have to do regardless of whether they start or not, that can come on and either win or secure a game."



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